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TO THE HONOBLE: THOMAS ROLT ESQE: PRESIDT: OF INDIA PERSIA &CA: & GOVERNOUR OF THE PORT AND ISLAND BOMBAY, AND TO YE: COUNCELL FOR AFFAIRES OF THE HONOBLE: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY RESIDENT IN SURRATT.

HONBLE: ETCA:

This conveighance offering by Pattamars hired to carry some letters from Atchein to their principalls in Surratt, we take the opertunity to advise you, that the 17th: Ulto: we recd: advices from Mr: Vincent, &ca: at Hugly dated the 25th: October and 15th: November, wherein they gave us an accompt of the Success of Mr: Vincents Journey to Decca, and Negotiation with the Prince, Sultan Auzum about the matter of Customes, having obtained his Neshan for our trade fre [*sic*] of Customes as formerly which was granted, in more full and ample manner upon the Kings order to his Duan in Bengall in answer to the addresses he had made about it after the Death of Nabob Auzum Chaun, whereunto the King replyed by sending a copy of a Phirmaund granted by Shajehaun in the [24] yeare of his Raigne [...] wherein the English are [*about* 10 *lines lost*] [Dominien] where to be custome free, so that Shajehauns Phirmaund has not only put a Period to those [troubles] but gained us abundance of Credit and reputation in the Princes Court at Decca and all over Bengall, they alsoe advise farther that the Vakeel sent up to Dilly by Mr: Charnock had written from thence that he could procure a Phirmaund for between 30: or 40,000: Rupees besides insident Charges to be Custome free at Surratt & Bengall too, but they at Hugly had given it as their opinions to Mr: Charnock that they shall not need a new Phirmaund, only desired him to order the Vakeel to procure and bring thence authentique copies Chauped by the Cozzee of Dilly of the Phirmaunds, Husbull Hookum and Perwanna before mentioned, wherewith they think themselves secure, and the expence of this negotiation with the Prince was about 21,000: rupees, But we doe not wholly joyne with them in that opinion ffor the Honoble: Companys possitive and express order is to procure a new Phirmaund, and since that may be done to soe great advantage as to be custome free at Surratt, also which the Court are the more easily inclined to yeild unto upon finding the old Phirmaund of Shajehaun, which certainly it is to be found among the Phirmaunds you have at Surratt, Wee are of

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[the great advantage of procuring one, and how to act therein.]

opinion that 40000: rupees more would be mony well spent to procure [. . .] and if we had this Kings [. . .] strenghen [*sic*] Shajehauns [. . .] but this Kings success [. . .] & therefore if yo^{r}: Worthy selves [. . .] it will be convenient [. . .] M^{r}: Charnock at Pattana to [. . .] the said affair, and we [. . .] Cheif and Councell at Hugly [. . .] in the managem^{t}: [. . .] best carried on by M^{r}: Charnock and his Vackeel because they are soe fairly advanced therein already, and the joyning of others with them may prejudice if not mar the whole business, which we leave to your considiration and speedy execution.

of the Tywans arivall and her Cargo.

The 4: Instant here arrived the Tywan Cap^{t}: Miles Cubett from Syam with a Cargoe of Copper, Tynne Tutenague Etc: to be returned to Bantam with salepoore Cloth; M^{r}: Langer deceased at Syam before the Tywan got there, and M^{r}: Richard Burneby sent Cheife there from Bantam upon the Tywan advises us he found the Hono^{ble}: Companys estate and affaires in a most lamentable condition, noe books nor methodicall acco^{ts}: apearing.

of y^{e}: Kings departure for Gulcondah.

We have as yet noe advises from Metchlepatam of the King of Gulcondah's departure from thence, but reports say he is certainly gon, being sent for by his great men in hast and distress, and 'tis said great troubles are coming upon Gulcondah from Moguls great army.

noe advices of y^{e}: ships arrivall at Metchlep^{m}: from the Bay.

Also we doe not yet hear of the arrivall of the Europe ships at Metchlepatam from the Bay, tho we hope they are there and upon departure from thence to us where we expect them in 4 or 5: dayes, being busie in making all things in readiness for their quick dispatch, we shall not enlarge farther at present but remaine

Your very affectionate ffreinds

The Good Hope has not yet apear'd here from Bengall.

Streynsham Master.
[Joseph Hynmers.
John Bridger.
Timothy Wilkes.
Richard Mohun.]

ffort St. George January 15th: 167$\frac{8}{9}$

To M^{r}. Christopher Hatton
Cheife Etc^{a}: Councell in Metchlep^{m}.

No: 2: Letters received wch: require noe answear.

Yours of the 2^{d}: and 6: Instant came to our hands the 10: and 13th: which require noe answer from us more then the acknowledgment of your care in the timely advice of the ships arrivall wth: you from y^{e}: Bay.

about y^{e}: Peon that demanded a rupee for his Batty.

We have examined the [*sic*] y^{e}: Peon w^{ch}: demanded a rupee of you for his batty back had but a rupee at his departure hence, & there was one or two lately dispeeded, that had no more paid them here, soe they may demand the like of you.

of y^{e}: ffaulcon's arivall from y^{e}: Bay.

The ffalcon arrived here yesterday being but 8: dayes in her voyage from Ballasore, and advises us that the Nathaniel sailed thence two dayes before her, by whome we expect your last goods for England and hope she will be here in good time to depart with the other three Ships, the Williamson and Society doe not yet appear here but are hourly expected by

Your loving ffreinds

Streynsham Master.
Joseph Hynmers.
John Bridger.
Timothy Wilkes.
Richard Mohun.

FFORT ST. GEORGE FFEB: 4TH: 167$\frac{8}{9}$.

TO YE: WORSPLL: JOHN PETIT AGENT ETCA: COUNCELL FOR AFFAIRES OF THE HONOBLE: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY IN THE KINGDOME OF PERSIA PRESENT IN GOMBROONE.

WORSPLL: ETCA:

The 29th: July last we wrote you via Surrat, which may have reached your hands before this time, these goe by a ship of Mr: Jearseys belonging to this place bound to your Port, by which we take the opertunity to advise you that the 31th: last month ye: [Honoble] Companys 4: ships recd: their dispatch for England vizt: [the] Williamson Capt: William Basse, the ffaulcon Capt: John Hafford, the Nathaniell Capt: Wm: Hannard, & the Society Capt: William Thompson, being all full Laden, and they all sayled out of this road the first of this month with a fair and fresh gale of wind we pray god to send them a saife and seasonable arrivall at home, they carry the greatest cargo upon the Honoble: Companys accompt that ever [were?] from these parts in one year by many thousands of pounds, besides a very considerable Concerne in Diamonds Etc for perticular accts: not less then has gone at any time formerly. No: 3. of lettrs: sent. of the ships dispatch for England and the richness of their Cargoes.

You may please [. . .] that ye: Honoble: Compa: have ordered [. . .] men or other his [. . .] Companys [. . .] part of India [. . .] own towne [. . .] reduce all [. . .] into [. . .] have given orders to Metchlepatam and Bengall that they doe not countenance or protect any his Majesties subjects nor give passes to any ships or vessells that any of them shall goeing, but only to such as shall produce our Passe or the Passe of the President and Councell, or of the Deputy Governour and Councell of Bombay as being Inhabitants of the Honoble: Companys Island, or of this Towne, and liveing under their Government have licence to and fro according to their rules, and to those that doe produce such passes they are to countenance and protect them as far as if they were actually in the Honourable Companys Service, now the persons that goe upon this Ship Recovery, and those also upon the Speedwell a Ship belonging to Surratt wch: Mr: Thomas Pitt brought out of Bengall hither bound to your Port, or the most part of them have taken such passes of us, whome we recommend to your favour, but if any their be upon these two Ships or if any shall come from the Bay or Metchlepatam in any other Ships without our Pass signifiing them to be Inhabitants of this Towne, we desire you to shew them noe Countenance nor give them any protection, but soe far as may consist wth: the Honourable Companys Intrest, to discountenance, & disowne them, that they may suffer for their disrespect to the Honourable Companys orders, and Soe for their owne Safety be brought under those Rules which are [prescribed] for the Generall good and wellfaire of [his Majesties Subjects] in these parts. of the Companys orders about ffree men. ℔ sonsthat goe up on ye: Recovery [and] ye: Speed well, [or] others that produce passes recommended but to discountenance such as doe not.

[. . .] the Honourable [. . .] the Tywan [. . .] some time this month [. . .] Surratt which we in- [. . .] you may please to give [. . .] we now advise you of the dispatch of these Ships for England, which being the needfull at present we remaine

Your affectionate ffreinds

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.
RICHARD MOHUN.

FFORT ST. GEORGE 6TH: FFEB. 167$\frac{8}{9}$.

No: 4: To OUR BRAMANY VIRA RAGAVAYA.

I have received yours dated the 2: 6: & 17: January and observe their qts: our Cheife and Councell at Metchlepatam are to blame that they did not advise wth: & consult you in the management of their intended request to his Highness ye: Ollampana as I enordered them, wch: had they done our Honoble: Companys present would have turned much more to their advantage; The Ollampana happen[d] to come there in a very inconvenient time for ye: management of said affair, our Cheife having been desperately sick just before, indisposed then, and our Ships then in the road to be dispatched for England, diverted him from ordering this affair as otherwise he would have done.

of presents made to ye: King when at Metchlepm:

And I cannot but [. . .] of ye: great Sum which was promised to be [. . .] both to his Highness and Madana, [. . .] produce noe benifitt or advantage [. . .] and on the other hand I [. . .] ordinary favours & priviledges [. . .] well prest: [. . .] granted so much to their desire, and the Divan cannot but be sensible that the English by their Ancient faithfull and peaceable demeaner towards, & proffitableness to the Divan and his Country have not deserved loss, but rather more favours from him then the Dutch or any other Nation resideing in his Highness Dominions And it is not for the Divans honour to doe soe much for one, and nothing for the other, when our people at Metchlepatam have presented him with soe Noble and Generous a present, which will Seem to the world below the Ollampanas greatness to accept the same without makeing some suitable recompence to the Honourable Company, and therefore I hope they will doe for, and grant unto us things of ye: same kind they have so readily promised ye: Dutch, otherwise shall take it as a great peece of unjustice done our Nation that never was done before since our first settlement in his Highnesses Dominions, wherefore I would have you now acqt: our worthy ffreinds Maddana & Accana with this our request, entreating their utmost endeavours with his Highness to speake in our behalfe as much as possibly they can that ye: Honoble: Company may have St: Thoma or Yegamoor gratis, or both at the [. . .] paying ye: same rent to the Divan as [. . .] now pays, wch: may be advantageous to ye: [Ollampana,] considering if at any time the ffrench, [. . .] Europe Nations should have a designe [. . .] they will not soe easily doe it [. . .] they will doe well to con-[. . .] get Madapollam and [. . .] but small places.

noe advantage recd: for the mony promised his highness etca:

Concerning the proceedings of ye: Divan towards the English & the Dutch.

applications to be made to Madana & Aocana for St: Thoma and Yegamoor.

[. . .] you the pas: 100; for Maddana & Accanas daughters marriages pagas: 15: for the Porters Backeinders Etca:

[Pagods: 100: ordered for Madana & Accanas Daughters weddings & Pagods: 15: for the Porters]

As for the 20: pagos: wch: you borrowed of our [chiefe] at Metchlepatam, if you can doe any thing in this business to redeem our charge and credit, we shall [not] think much to allow it you for your pains.

abt: the 20: pagos: borrowed by the Bramany.

As for Yencatadry ye: Companys Dubash at Metchlepam I shall take care to reward him according to his deserts for his unfaithfullness, and not suffer [him] to make an advantage to himselfe out of the Compa: charge by betraying their Interest.

Concerning Dubash Vincatadry.

Advise me ꝑticularly of what, the Dutch have obtained at this time, & what Phirmaunds are given out in their favour & at all other times.

advise required of wt: Phirmds: are given the Dutch.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

To Mr: Christopher Hatton ffort St: George 11th: ffeb: 1678/9. No: 5:
Cheife Etca: Councell in Metchlepm

We have to answer yours of the 12th: and 17th: January recd: by the Ships Williamson & Society the 16: & by the Nathaniell the 27: of the same month.

of lettrs: to answear.

You shall have Credit for the amot: of the Invoices of the goods you laded upon the said ships for England and for this place, and we [. . .] press ourselves very well contented [. . .] lading ye: Investmt: notwithstanding [. . .] wth: by the Kings being [. . .] soe represented these your service [. . .] as we hope will give the [. . .].

to Credit Metchlepm: for the goods laden thence. Comenda-tions for goods dis-patch.

Your [. . .] your bookes [. . .] forwarded these for England and both your letters to the Company soe we desire you to send us copies of your letter to the Compa: to be entred in our Regester, allso we sent home both Mr: ffeilds papers yt: is his relation of wt : passed wth: ye: King at Biswar and his letter abt: ye: accts: therefore desire you to send us the Copies of them also for our Register.

of letters to ye: Compa: & bookes recd: & sent for England. Copie of Metchlep: gnall to ye: Compa: Mr: ffeilds accot: of affairs wth: the King & his paper about the Accots: to be sent up

The bookes of accompts Letter R which you desire for Mr: ffeilds better guidance in perfecting your Accompts we send you by this boarder, & upon yor: desire we allot him to ye: end of March to finish the bookes letter S which we conceive a sufficient time for that, and there is but the month of April for the next bookes to be composed and ballanced.

Books of Accots: lettr: R sent. Mr: ffeilds allotted to ye: end of March to finish books letter S.

The transcript of the late additions which Mr: Manwaring made in Journall letter S: we have sent forward to the Honoble: Compa: and to them refer'd him for a conclusion of all his matters, he tooke his passage home upon the ffalcon.

Mr: Mainwaring's aditions in Jonrnll: letter S and sent to ye: Compa to whome he is referd.

By Mr: ffeilds acct: of the affaires with the King at Biswar we observe he promised a prest: of 3000: pagoe: because the Dutch promised one of 6000: pagos: not knowing what they obtained in returne or by meanes of theirs, which we are informed is wt: they asked & if soe their present was well bestowed, and ours as ill, but we are very unwilling soe to let it pass, & therefore have written to our Bramany at Gulcondah to ply the great men close for some returne of so great a charge, & we [. . .] to signifie to Aga Jelol your Governour [. . .] yt: we shall order you to wth: hold the [. . .] not some answearable respects made [. . .] to the Dutch for theirs, & since [. . .] undertooke to direct all your [. . .] Court will much reflect [. . .] with a [. . .] when [. . .] in all their demands and you [. . .] of this affair, we are also acq—[. . .] that your Dubash Colla Vincatadry hath been very treacherous in this [. . .] and under pretence that he was a maine Instrumt: in procuring the English to present the King with such a summe hath obtained a Phirmaund and [. . .] for soe much good ground as 30: Candy of seed Paddy my [*sic*] be sowed thereupon, we desire you to enquire into this matter and if it doe apear so wee would have you take the ground from him (if you can) and turne him out of service never to be imployed againe.

Concerning the 3000: pagos: promised for a Prest: to the King.

of ye: Colla Vincatadrys treachery & his obtaining so much ground as 30: Candy of paddy may be sowed there-upon.

The Ships were dispatched for England the 31: January and all sailed the next day full Laden, we pray God to prosper them with safe arrivall being ye: richest ffleet that ever sailed from This Coast for our Nation since the English traded in India, which being what offers at present we rest

of ye: ships dispatch for England.

Your very Loveing ffreinds
Streynsham Master.
John Bridger.
Timothy Wilkes.

Mr: Hynmers & Mr: Mohun
are out of Towne.

To Mr: Christopher Hatton
Cheife etca: Councell in Metchlepatam.

ffort St. George ffeb 17th: $167\frac{8}{9}$.

No: 6:

20000: pas: sent incharge of Mr: Wynne & Mr: Wales to begin a new Investm: therewth:

[. . .] bears date the 11th: Instant [. .] by the ships since which we [. . .] goe by Mr. Maurice Wynne [. .] of whom we send you [. . .] Cheife [. . . .] [. . .] begin [. . .] Investment, wherein you are to have a more [. . .] regard the ordinary long cloth and ordinary Sallampores, of which and also of all other goods the Honoble: Company require to same quantitys enordered for the last yeares Investment, wherein if they give any new directions by the Overland advises upon receipt thereof we shall give you notice accordingly, in the interim you would doe well to oblige your Merchants to the same quantitys last required of those sortments which are most difficult to be procured that the Honourable Company may not be disapointed therein.

ye: Peons yt: carry the mony paid their Batty. [Mr.] Wynne & Mr. Wales charges left to those at Metchlepm: to pay.

The Peons which we send with Mr: Wynne and Mr: Wales to carry this mony are paid their full Batty for goeing and returning, which is charged in the Invoice herewith, and we desire you to returne them to us without delay. Mr. Wynne and Mr. Wales charges we leave to you to pay and having not farther we remaine

Your very Loving ffreinds
Streynsham Master.
Joseph Hynmers.
John Bridger.
Timo: Wilkes.
Richard Mohun.

[Fort St. George ffeb. 24: $167\frac{8}{9}$]

[No. 7:]

[To ye Chief & Councell [. .] for affairs of the Honble: English East India Company, Bay of Bengale.]

[Letters] Bookes, [&ca] papers received from the Bay.

Of the Ships Arrival and dispatch for England.

Mr. Mainwaring gone home upon the ffaulcon.

[An order to procure the great moghulls] Phyrmd to be custome free with directions how to proceed therin.

bribeing [ye Cozzee] of Dilly [not approved] of.

Concerning the Bengall books of accounts.

the Accompts of ye: booke keeper, Warehouse keeper &ca to be read and passed in Councell every [month & to note the same in the Consultation Booke.]

[the] forme of reading and passing accots: in Councell sent.

the mo: of May left out of ye Hngly Diary.

a Secretary to be apointed to ye Councell at Hugly.

noe Diarys, Consultations &oa. recd: from the subordinate ffactorys except from Cassambazar.

[About the Cassambazar Accot: of cash].

[Ballasore Accompts to bee kept by the Second there].

[of the Errors in] ye Bengall Invoyces.

[The text corresponding to these marginal notes in the original has crumbled away.]

[. . .] ffactory of Hugly which [. . .] not soon bee nor can wee [. . .] in your Invoyces how you can well as ought to be even the Accompts in your bookes; and wee observe you have in your bookes entred ye: last yeare three shipps Cargoes alltogether in a lump wch: is against rule & ye: Companys express order, for yt: every Shipp [Cargo] ought to be entred distinctly by itselfe in your bookes as you have done the Cargos outward, and as is done in the Surratt bookes, and those [. . .] are the forme wch: the Honoble: Company have aproved and ordered to be observed and therefore we require that ye: accompts in all the ffactorys be kept punctually in that forme, in every pticuler, and not any one to follow [his own] fancy, for should yt: be allowed of, there would be every year as many different waies of keeping Accompts as their [*sic*] are men & bookes, wch: ought not to be in ye: Honoble: Compas: business & therefore they have prescribed one set forme, there are some other things noted in the paper herewth: wch: have been observed in a cursory over looking the accompts of ye: severall ffactoryes wch: [wee desire] may be rectified in the future, and all other [. . .] doe any way differ from the Surratt [. . .].

about entring ye: ships Cargoes in a lump in ye: Journall.

to follow the method in the Surratt bookes.

We take notice [. . .] you have made in the Imployment of [. . .] and find that there in you have [. . .] ye: Councell of a [. . .] [yt: shall by the next oportunity yt: offers or] by ye: ship and [. . .] also of Writers.

abt: making a writer one of y: Councell, and a factor below the Councell of a subordinate ffactory.

Haveing considered of what you write about ye: want of buildings at Hugly for accommodations of the Companys servants, and Warehouses for ye: Security of their goods, ye: ffactory and trade of that place being increased to more then double what it hath been in former times, and will grow greater as the shipps find ye: way up the Ganges, we have thought fit and doe hereby order you to build Convenient Warehouses and what accommodations are absolutely necessary to the house in Hugly, wherein you are to [. . .] use all frugality, and endeavour to finish those buildings before the arrivall of the ships from England.

none to be of Councell but such as have given £. 2000: bonds.

promise to send a supply of factors & writers.

order for building at Hugly.

By the next conveighance that offers wee desire you to send us a copie of the list of the Companys servts: &ca: you sent up by the Ships, that being sent home and noe copie of it reserved for our register.

a list of ye: Compae: servts: &c: required.

We aprove of your puting two of ye: Boys to the Throwster & Dyer to learne those trades they being too young for ye: sea, & yor: occasions supplyed with Pilots.

putting 2: of the Boys to the Throwster & Dyer aproved of.

In Mr: [Charnocks Le] tter to you of 28th: October we find [. . .] offer was made him of the 5th: place in [. . .] wherein he complains of heare [. . .] hence in depriving him of his right best [. . .] therein, for if he be injured [. . .] Companys immediate [. . .] if he meet with a [. . .] he calls his right [. . .] none else for puting [. . .] to continue where [. . .] those rules the [. . .] for their [. . .] to their owne minds and as sutes to their [. . .] complane they put themselves [. . .] which they know they must loose if they keep not with [. . .] limited.

Concerning Mr: Charnocks Complaint.

As to the settling a ffactory at Maulda [. . .] in prosecution of the Honoble: Companys orders given you the needfull directions in ours of the 8th: August, only ye: nominating of a Cheife and Councell remaine [. . .] which (now our trade is settled and you have leisure to attend it) we leave to you for the present which when you have done advise us & we shall consider thereof, and doe desires [. . .] may be done so timely that there may be [. . .] Investment made there this yeare as ye: Honourable Company doe require.

abt: the settlemt: of a ffactory at Maulda.

of yᵉ: want of saltpetre for the Tywan.

We are in very great want of 60: or 80: tonns of saltpetree for yᵉ: Tywan [. . .] for Bantam expecting the sloops from you with it, but hitherto none apear.

abt: a Schoole master to teach yᵉ: Conntry Langnages.

The Honourable Company doe order a schoole Master to be kept at their charge to teach Gentu Hinderstan and Persian, but the orders doe not seem to [say] that more then one shall be kept to teach all those Languages.

the keeping vessells of the Companys to carry off & ashoar their good[s] thought worth ye: charge.

a promise to send 2: Sntes of Armour.

Wee thinke it well worth yᵉ: charge to keepe Vessells of the Honoᵇˡᵉ: Companys owne to carry yˢ: goods off and ashoar at Ballasore, which must be of necessity when the ships doe all [*a few lines lost*] river and receive their [. . .].

the [Commanders] refered to yᵉ: Compᵃ: for the freight of [rice] & paddy.

The [. . .] and wee not agreeing upon the freight [*a line lost*]. refer'd to the Honourable Company and owners at home.

[the] cost of arrivall & Ganges.

The cost of the arrivall and Ganges wee have found in the Metchlepatam bookes to be Pagᵒˢ: 1590: 14: which wee have charged to your Accompt in our last bookes and therefore you are to give us Credit for it, the cost of them [. . .] but put both together, which you may charge to yˢ: said sloops Accompt a part as you shall judge best.

We aprove of what you propose as to the packing of goods at [. . .].

abt: numbering yᵉ: [sections] in the Bay lettr to the Compᵃ:

If you had observed to have numbred yᵉ: sections of your letter of 25ᵗʰ: October wᵗʰ: the same figures ours was of the 8ᵗʰ: August which pointed to the [. . .] in the Companys letter [. . .] had been some more ease and greater light to the Company to have turned to yoʳ: answers then now they will find.

[abt: spareing of Pilotts to navigate the Country ships]

Wee doe not by any meanes aprove of speareing Pilots to Navigate yˢ: Country ships; and tho you could not tell how to refuse yᵉ: Prince, yet we desire you to endeavour what you can to avoid such things, for [. . .] that 'tis against our Kings Majesties command and the Honourable Companys order there may alsoe great prejudice arise to our affaires should a [*a few lines lost*].

[of Samnell Shirman & James Bridgeman].

[Concerning the persons that went to the Bay with Passes].

[. . .] orders, soe that it seemes strange to us, that our Passe should be the only occasion of bringing them that have [. . .] yourselves [. . .] wherein you did well to take good care to prevent a distinction between the Companys and perticular mens trade, wᶜʰ: occasions great troubles to the Dutch, and we are sensible [. . .] alsoe bring upon the English, and therefore to prevent any such we give those passes wᶜʰ: we doe againe confirm and require you to give due respect thereunto, and 'tis partly [. . .] we would have yᵉ: priviledges in the Phir[maund] procured granted to the English Nation [or the subjects] of the King of England in Generall and not to yˢ: English Company, wherein we desire all due care may be taken.

about yᵉ: Scarfes for the officers.

The pay to yˢ: officers of this Garrison haveing been soe meane we thinke the Honourable Company may aprove of giving yˢ: Taffities for Scarfes upon their accᵗ: and therefore you may [let] it continue as charged, and we wish you had send up yˢ: other [. . .] that are allready made for that use, wᶜʰ: we desire you to doe by next opertunity.

Wee aprove of your takeing John Elliot the [. . .] ashoar and of your makeing him 30£: ℘ annum salary.

Jno: Elliotts salary aproved of.

[*A few lines lost*].

red and white lead recd:

to comply wth: ye: sortments of goods ye: Compa: require.

Your Accompts shall have Credit in our bookes for the amount of the Shipps Invoices as they came to us, but wee desire you to rectify ye: Errors in those Invoices, and to returne us a perticular accot: thereof with the Ballance of your bookes just as they are sent away with ye: Shipps and if their apear any errors therein afterwards you must rectifie them in Articles apart, and not alter one figure of any Invoice itselfe; there is about 15000: rupees difference between the [Invoices of the] Bengall Merchant, Cæsar, and New [. . .] last yeare, and what you have charged in [your Hugly] Journall folio 26: which by reason of the goods by all the shipps are entered in a Lump and many errors in the Invoices 'tis an endless peece of worke to rectifie.

of ye: difference of goods required & those Laden. to rectify errors in the Invoices and to send the ballance of the books. of the difference between ye: Invoices & ye: books.

Wee refer'd the Commanders of the Shipps to ye: Honourable Company for the goods they claimed ye: ffreight of from ye: Bay to ye: Coast upon their owners [tonnage,] but ye: ffreight for ye: Passengers by Capt: Thompson we demanded and received here.

ye: Commanders refer'd to ye: Compa: for ye: freight of goods they claimed but ye: ffreight for passengers received.

We noe way aprove of the dispatch given to Capt: Stannard wherein his stay at Metchlepm: is limited to 24: hours and yt: left to his Judgement [*a few lines lost.*]

Concerning the dispatch given to Capt: Stannard.

We have received [a letter] from Jeremy Peachy wherein he complains [of having heard] from Mr: Reade that he cannot be remedied therein without our perticular directions, we rather believe, he hath so little reason of complaint yt: Mr: Vincent thought not fit to give ear to his tale, however we herewith returne his letter to you, that you may [. . .] and if their be anything due to him [in] dyatt mony order him [pay] but for the [keeping] of a Horse wee allow not thereof to any [in rank] below ye: Councell.

abt: Jeremy Peachys complaint against Mr: Reade.

ye: keeping a horse allowed to none below Conncell at Hugly.

Wee [wrott] to the Honourable Company that they would please to allow George Herron 100: rupees gratuity as you have mentioned in yor: letter to them.

ye: Honble: Compa: wrott to, to allow G. Herron 100: rups: gratuity.

John Griffin whome you sent up wth: licence to proceed for England, hath not served out his [contracted] time, therefore we did not ℘mit him to goe home & [. . .] he desires to returne to his former Imployment at Cassambazar rather then to take up armes, if he may be serviceable and you desire to have him there wee shall returne him.

abt: John Griffin.

Wee have a quantity of Lahore Indicoe wch: ye: Honble: Company sent out of England and we observe in ye: ℘ticulars of the Dying [. . .] you require from home there is Indicoe mentioned but not how much, whereupon [*a few lines lost.*]

Concerning Lahor Indico. ye: Proposalls to ye: Compa: for the carrying on the investmt.: in the [Bay] aproved of.

goods in [. . .] which are ordered to be bought in another [. . .] practiced, but unless in evry [*sic*] ffactory ye: accots: be kept and passed as we now direct, that way of given out so much mony before hand upon ye: mortallity of a Cheife or second may be very prejudiciall to ye: Compa: therefore let all due care be taken therein.

[About the Accot: of goods Laden upon ffreight from Bengale. Noe Acot: of Europe goods unsold sent.]

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Mr: Hall & Mr: Smith to be sent up to the ffort when found.

If Mr: [Joseph Hall ?] & Mr: John Smith shall come under your [. . . .] you are to put the Honble: Companys order in execution, That is to send them up hither in order to their goeing for England.

We call not [...] mind at present soe commending you to ye: Divine protection we rest

Your affectionate ffreinds,
STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMo: WILKES.
RICHARD MOHUN.

P.S.

No: 8:

Herewith send you the copie of some part of our Register of [. . . .] you may thereby be [. . .] and keepe the same [. . .] require.

part of ye: register of private trade sent.

[*a few lines lost*].

[. . .] in ye: Bengall Invoyces Vizt: anno 1677:

In ye: Bengall Merchants Invoyces Vizt:

Errors in the Bengall Invoices. [...] No: A: No: 120:

1: bale, ramalls Hugly, ovr [*sic*] reckon'd ...	R.	4911	8	0
1: bale Cassumbazar [. . .] over Reckon'd ...		8	14	0
In Bengall Merchs: Invoice over reckd: ...		4920	6	0
2: Bales [Mullmulls] fine, their amount not included being		2591	9	0
15: ditto ordinary not included ...		5084	11	0
Dacca cloth it's amt: included being ...		6470	4	0
[. . .] 126: Duppers its amt: not included being		3528	0	0
4: Chests Taffities No: 107: 108: 110: 117 [short] reckoned		2000	0	0
In Bengall Merchts: Invoice short reckon'd ...		19674	8	0

No: [...]: 8:

In New Londons Invoice vizt.

2: Bales raw Taffities [is over] reckoned ...	R:	36	0	0

Anno: [. .]

In the Williamsons Invoice.

In casting up Ballasore goods in the 2d: page at the foote thereof is over reckoned	R:	100	0	0

In the ffaulcons Invoice vizt:

No: 36: No: 9: No: 55: T D: C:

Decca goods is short [. . . .]		[. . .]		
In casting up Nillaes [26:] bales is short [reckoned]		1000	0	0
Wax 2 bag [. . .]		30	0	0
In the . . [. . .]		1030	2	0
Decca goods [. . .]		0	12	0
[In casting . . .]		10	0	0
[In . . .]	R:	10	12	0
[. . .] baggs is over reckoned	R:	15	0	0
Mullmulls 15: bales over reckoned		0	8	0
In the Nathaniels Invoice over reck: ...		15	8	0

Raw silke [. . .] bales short reckoned in the Nathaniell ... ... R. 800: –

In y^e: Societys Invoice viz^t:
Cacharee Ramall^s 2: bales over reckon^d: ... R. 10: – No: ii:

Hugly Leidger quotes noe folios for y^e: [Acco^ts:] in y^e: Leidger and y^e: Folios in the Journall placed at the end of the line, whereas they should be at the begining of the line. notes upon the Bengall Bookes of accompts.

There is noe Alphabet to Hugly Leidger.

There is noe Mergent for pagodas kept in accompt Curr^t: ffort S^t: George in the [Leidger].

The accom [. . .] kept under a ꝑticular head [. . .] Household necessarys.

The ꝑticulars of generall stores & ships stores ought to be exprest in y^e: Journall if y^e: [Purser] doe not keepe the accompts thereof apart.

The ꝑticulars of the Library also.

[The Cash . . .] y^e first acco^t: in the
[Mony and . . . .]
[And all deb . . . . .] in y^e: Ballance.
[. . .]

Ballasore.

Pattana.
Cassumbazar.

[A page and a half crumbled away.]

In Decca.

[STREY]NSHAM MASTER.

FORT S^T: GEORGE
FFEB: 24: 167 8/9

No: 9: [of advices sent.]

LIST OF PACQUETT TO Y^E: BAY.

[Several lines lost.]

[. . .] FFEB: 28: 167 8/9.

[TO THE HONO^BLE: THOMAS ROLT PRESID^T: OF INDIA PERSIA &C^A: & GOVERNOUR OF THE PORT AND ISLAND BOMBAY, AND TO Y^E: COUNCELL FOR AFFAIRES OF THE HONO^BLE: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY RESIDENT IN SURRATT.]

[About six lines lost.]

[No: 10:]

hope [. . .] w^th: you in good time and that you have sent direction [. . .] M^r: Charnocke at Pattana concerning the Same, we haveing now lately by letters of the 24: Instant given orders to the Cheife and Councell of the Bay at Hugly to direct M^r: Charnocke to observe what you shall advise therein as to the includeing Surratt, broach, Bundar Laree in y^e: Phirmaund for the English to be Custome free in their places and all over the Empire, but if you shall advise the contrary then that they procure the Phirmaund for the English to be Custome

Concerning y^e: orders sent to y^e: Cheife and Councell in the [Bay] about y^e: procury of a Phirmaund.

free all over the Empire Surratt excepted, as ye: Princes Nesban runs which was lately obtained, by which the Custome of Broach may be saved, or if you aprove not of that, then Surratt and Broach excepted, and if they receive noe advices from you in relation to this affair, and the Phirmaund may be procured to be custome free at Surratt, Broach, and Bundar Laree, Bengall, Orixa and Beara, & all over ye: Empire at ye: same charge as one for ye: three last named provinces, then that they procure it to be soe worded and doe it out of hand without delay or loss of time, but if the including Surratt Etca: will cost more [then the . . .] yt: they should include [these places . . .] directions from yourselves soe to doe, and receiving such directions from you that they should include them though the Phirmaund [*a few lines lost*] subjects of the King of England and not to the English Company for [. . .] which have been, and may be made between ye: Company and ꝑticular men [of . . .] consequence and may occasion the Nations loss of ye: priviledges upon some cases.

of ye: King of Gulcondah departure from Metchlepatam. The King of Gulcondah returned from Metchlepm: toward Gulcondah ye: begining of January just upon our ships apearing there from thy [*sic*] Bay soe they received noe hinderance by his being there he being not aboard of them.

of ye: ships dispatch for England & their Cargoes. The ships Williamson, ffalcon, Society and Nathaniell were all Dispatched for England the 31th: January and sailed out of sight ye: next day with a fair fresh wind, they went full Laden of the [Rightest] cheapest and best sorted Cargo of Coast and Bay goods that ever [went] from India, the whole amount thereof for the Honoble: Company accompt being 2017: tons ¼: and pagodas 521426: 2: 3: at 9eh: ꝑ pagc: is 234641£: 17sh: 7d: and perticular concerns in Diamonds etca: not lesse then in any one yeare heretofore.

of ye: Tywans [stay] for Saltpetre. The Tywan ffrigott still remaines here for a ladeing for Bantam we being in great want of salt petre directed from the Bay but none apears.

A desire of forwards: the [packett] to ye: Company. [. . .] directed to the Honoble: Company we intreat your favour to send forward recommended, for conveighance overland via [. . .] very much oblige

[Your affectio]nate ffreinds
STREYNHAM MASTER.
[JOSEPH] HYNMERS.
[JOHN] BRIDGER.
[TIMOTHY] WILKES.
[RICHARD] MOHUN.

FFORT ST: GEORGE 1ST: MARCH 167$\frac{8}{9}$.

[To our Braminy Vira Ragavaya]

[No: 11:]

Copie of ye: Phirmaund requested for ye: Townes of St: Toma &ca: sent to ye: Bramin fro: wch: he is not to vary. I wrote you the needfull in my last dated the 6: past in answer to yours of the 2d: 6th: 17th: Janvary wherefore it is needless to repeat the same herein, this being in answer to yours dated the Primo ffebb: whose contents observe, I now send you a copie of the Phirmaund & Coull which we request to be granted us by his Highness the Ollampana when he shall please to let at farme to the English the Towns of St: Thoma, Tribitore, Yegamoor and the other townes and places belonging to them, and I would have you be very carefull to procure the said Phirmaund and coull written very exactly & punctually in all matters & perticulars as therein mentioned, [against] which or any thing therein, I am confidt: his Highness will not object the least, since he hath soe lately promised the English Nation in his last gracious Phirmaund & Coull granted for this Towne, if he should at any time grant any more priviledges to any other Nation, that all the same priviledges shall be also granted to the English Nation.

Wee have notice that ye: [Dutch have obtained] from his Highness [. . .] Towns being [. . .] besides some [. . .] [Kingdomes] and Dominions, by your peaceable [. . .] Divans Countrys and Interest, on all occasions from the begining of our Settlement in their country. And ye: reason we desire to have ye: said places remaine under us is Cheifely to noe other end, that we might not be disturbed by any of the Divans people that are round about us, & that we might live quietly, and peaceably, for [. . .] the said places shall remaine under us, if at any time any Europe Nation should have a designe to attempt [. . .] they will not be soe readily to doe it being under the English, for we cannot foretell what may ye: ffrench Nations designe, soe soone as they shall make peece with ye: Dutch and other confiderates in Europe, as likely they may have done by this time, it being soe reported and the Divan would doe well to consider of.

about ye: Dutch obtaining Pollicatt at ffarme.

Our worthy ffreind Maddana hath but little reason to complaine of our people at Metchlepatam for not complying with the Pagos: 3000: to the Divan since they expect from us the said summe of money all reason they should also make us some suitable [recompense . . .] having soe readily promised the Dutch [. . .] and we hope his Highness will [. . .] in the copie of [. . .] desire wch: we send you [. . .] having already pd: [. . .] Jelol there. [. . .] notice of ye: certaine [. . .] the Divan & [. . .], Yegamoor [. . .] that you may [. . .] how to insert the same in the Phirmaund and Coull you are now to procure, which are as followeth Vizt: for St. Thoma and the 6: Towns appertaining thereunto it is mentioned in the Phirmaund granted to said Verona to pay rent for the first and second yeares pagos: [1300] ℔ annum that is 550: pagos: for St: Thoma and 750: for the other 6: towns, third year pas: [. . .] and for the fourth year pagos: 1500: & this last sum he shall pay continually ℔ annum for ever; for Tribitore and the other 6: towns belonging thereunto said Verona hath agreed to pay unto Podela Lingapa pagos: 900: ℔ annum rent, and for Yegamoor & ye: other 9: towns belonging thereunto pagos: 670: ℔ annum, soe I would have you now to endeavour yor: utmost by all waies, in the first place to obtaine some of the above said places, or at least Madapollam and Mallick Mamud petta, (which are but small places) to be given us gratis by the Divan, which if you cannot prevaile at court to get done, I would have you then to obtaine of the Divan to let us at farme the said towns of St: Thoma, Tribitore, and Yegamoor with ye: Towns belonging unto them at [?] some what [?] cheaper rent, which I hope the Divan will not deny us, their Antient, faithfull, and soe benificall ffreinds, and if that cannot be done then at the same rent [. . .] in your next advise of all [. . .]

[of the Rents of St: Thoma Tribitore and Yegamoor.]

the Bramini to endeavour to get some of ym: gratis.

and to send advise of occurrences.

A Phirmaund & Coull granted by his Highness ye: [Ollampana] in the year 1679: on the [. . .] day of [. . .] to the Right Worspll: Streynsham Master Esqr: Agent and Governour and Capt: [. . .] Etca: Councell and to their successors for the English Nation in ffort St: George Chinnapatam.

The fforme of ye: Phyrmaund re[quested] for ye: Townes of St: [Thoma Yegamoor.

[1:]

Wee doe hereby let at farme to the English the Towne of St: Thoma with Six other towns belonging thereunto named, Pallaca [wrana] Nammamangalam, Olander, Nandambawca, Mambalam, and Sattevido, and the grounds, feild, and Junckans Etca: appertaining thereunto. Wee likewise let to farme to the English the Towne of Tribitore with six other Towns belonging thereunto vizt: Sattangawdo, Chedayamcuppan, Tandor, Yarradalachery, E[nn]oar and Cartivawca, and all the ground ffeilds etca: belonging thereunto, and also we now let to farme ye: Towne of Yegamoor wth: nine other towns belonging thereunto named Porishavawca, Pudapawca, Vepery, Keepawca, Chetypatte, Omanjacca, Luinga bawca, Roshana, Buduro, and Agaram, and all the Grounds, feilds etca: belonging thereunto. That the English may freely and peaceably passes [*sic*] and Injoy ye: fruites and benefitts of the [. . .] St: Thoma, Tribitore, Egamoor, [. . .] respective Townes under [. . .] this day forward as [. . .] endure,

paying to [. . .] and to none [. . .] new of [. . .] yeares one [. . .] [said six towns thereunto appertaining] Pag^{os}: [for Tribitore and the said six towns] thereunto belonging Pag^{os}: [. . .] and for Yegamoor and the nine townes thereunto appertaining pag^{os}: [. . .]

[2 :] That the said Towns of S^{t}: Thoma, Tribitore, Yegamoor with all thereunto belonging shall remaine wholy rented for ever under the English without keeping at either of the s^{d}: places any of the Divans people, and that the English shall in noe wise be obliged to pay the said summe of pag^{os}: for rent of the said [townes] to any Tarefdars, Avaldars, or to any other of the Divans officers whomesoever that may be round about the said Towns.

[3 :] Moreover we doe permitt the English and all others whome they shall permitt, to direct & build ffactorys, [houses] Godowns etc^{a}: conveniences for their aboad in the said Townes of S^{t}: Thoma, Tribitore, Yegamoor, or any of the above said Townes belonging unto them and that y^{e}: Divans officers shall not hinder them in y^{e}: least but farther them herein.

[4 :] Wee also grant that [. . .] cloth goods merchandize and other things whatsoever the English shall have occasion to bring in or carry out by sea or land to and from the said townes of S^{t}: Thoma, Tribitore, Yegamoor, or [. . .] above said Townes belonging [. . .] not be anyways obliged to pay [. . .]
[5 :] them according to the former usuall Customes, and that the English [. . .] Command, and doe justice in all matters and Causes whatsoever (both Civill and Criminall) within there above said Government, and limits as they shall think necessary and Convenient to be done.

[6 :] Wee doe likewise grant the English to bring in, or to have brought them Paddy and other Grains, Provisions, Cloth goods, or other sorts of Merchandizes for the ffactorys & townes of S^{t}: Thoma, Tribitore, Yegamoor, or any of the above said townes belonging unto them they paying y^{e}: full worth and demand for the same; That none of our Avaldars or any of our officers from y^{e}: highest to the lowest shall have any power or authority to hinder them in the least.

[7 :] And whereas we have now let to farme the Towns of S^{t}: Thoma, Tribitore, Yegamoor etc^{a}: Townes and grounds belonging unto them, to the English [noe] person whatsoever shall have to doe therewith in the least, but they shall remaine for ever under y^{e}: English and they shall accordingly enjoy them hence forward soe long as the Sunn and Moon shall endure paying only [. . .] to the Divan y^{e}: above said rent of pag^{os} [. . .] now of Chinnapatnam now agreed for as aforesaid.

[8 :] We also grant the English y^{t}: if at any time it should so happen that any of their ships, vessells, [or boats . . .] belonging to them be cast ashoare in [. . . under] our Governm^{t}: [. . .] carry their goods &c^{a}: [. . .] hindred in y^{e}: [. . .] any manner of [. . .] hereby [. . .] employed [. . .] and [. . .] same, That the English or their people may freely carry what belongs to them without any hindrance let or molestation, or paying any Custome, Junckam or any other Duties for the same, And that all other wrecks whatever shall happen within their limits and Government shall also belong to the English, it being our pleasure to grant them also.

[9 :] Moreover whereas the English Nation [have] been allways soe good and peaceable a Nation, dealing in all things whatsoever with Truth & honesty having shewed themselves on all occasions true and faithfull freinds to the Divan, and our Countrys Interest, therefore that all whatsoever priviledges are already granted, or shall hereafter be granted at any time to any Nation that resides and Trafficks, or shall hereafter reside or Traffick in any part of our Kingdome & Dominion, all y^{e}: same priviledges shall be also granted to the English Nation.

[10:] Wee doe moreover promise the English that if any person whatsoever shall abuse or wrong them in any of their dealings and [Merchandizes we] shall take care to doe them Justice and right and shall not permitt them to doe any such thing.

Whereas the English Nation have from a long time shewed themselves very faithfull & true towards the Divan [. . .] doe grant [*a few lines lost*] [11:]

[Streynsham Master]

To Mr: Christopher Hatton Cheife etca: Councell in Metchlepatam.

Fort St. George March 5th: 167 8/9.

Our last to you are dated the 11th: & 17th: ffebruary since which we have received yours of the 10th: said month with your Diary, Consultations and accompt of Cash etca: for the month of January wch: arrived the 18th: last month unto which wee should have sooner returned answer but that we have been taken up in writing to the Bay, and since that to the Honourable Company overland by way of Surratt; which being dispatched, we come now to consider what needfull in returne of yours. No: 12: [The receipt] of Diary Consultations &ca:]

That we may receive sattisfaction in the triall of the Markett with you as to white and red Lead we intend a small persell of each to be sent to you of that which we recd, from the Bay for the same occasion. A small ℘ cell of Red and White Lead to be sent to Metchlepa: for a tryall.

Wee [ordered] that ye: Lillys Cargoe should [not be] entred in the Metchlepatam Bookes, not but 'tis [. . .] proper and ought to be entred in them Bookes [. . .] place the Cargo was consigned and was [. . .] but because the Madapollam Bookes in [. . .] were not ordered to be altered, but [. . .] must charge it to Metchlepm: [. . .] Bookes must instead [. . .] Credit Madapollam [. . .] the goods that lye [. .] Madapollams . . .] and worse [. . .] C. Why ye: Lillys Cargo was ordered not to be entered in the Metchlepa: bookes.

Wee find in your Diary the copie of a Passe you have given to the Kings alias the Nabobs ship for Persia in which pass you nominate Mr: George Everard Commander of the said ship, which is expressly against our order in that case, for that Mr: Everard had noe Passe from us as An Inhabitant of this Towne, and therefore you ought not to have given any Ship a Passe in which he went, and if you found it nessary [*sic*] to vary from our orders in complyance to ye: Nabob then you should have advised us so much and have recd: our allowance for it, without which you ought not to have made a breach of our orders, wch: we doe not nor shall not allow of in this or any other case. [abt:] a Pass given to the Nabobs ship against Order.

Wee have allready advised you of arrivall and dispatch of the Ships, you shall have Creditt in our Bookes for the amount of the Invoyes of the goods you laded upon them. ye: arrivall and Dispatch of the ships allready advised.

Wee send you herewith ye: copie of the Accomptants paper [from England dated Decembr:] 12th: 1676 : which [Mr: ffeild says he wants.] the Accomptants paper sent.

Upon consideration of [the state of ye: Honoble : Companys affairs at Metchlepatam and the Agacent ffactorys and in respect to ye : 8th :] Article of ye: Honoble : Companys orders made ye : 18 : day of December 1677 : It is thought fit that the Agent doe visit those ffactorys [. . .] is vacancy in business and [. . .] he desires that Mr: Hatton and Mr: Wynne and whome else you thinke fit may meet him at Pettepolee and that care be taken to send befiting accommodation of boates for his passing to the Island of Dio, and a Tent to lodge in there, By reason of this visitation we shall not enlarge but refer all to a personall conversation, and at present remaine of ye: Agents intended journey to Metchlepm: ye: ffactory [to bee] prepared [for his] reception & [Mr. Hatton &ca. to] meethim [at] Pettepolee.

Your very affectionate freinds
Streynsham Master.
Joseph Hynmers.
John Bridger.
Timothy Wilkes.
Richard Mohun.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE MARCH [10TH] 167$\frac{8}{9}$.

[TO Y^{E}: HONO^{BLE}: THOMAS ROLT ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: OF INDIA, PERSIA &C^{A} AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE PORT AND ISLAND BOMBAY AND TO Y^{E} COUNCELL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HONO^{BLE} ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY RESIDENT IN SURRATT.]

[No: 13] [of the rect: of Letters from the Honble: Company.]

[*About ten lines lost*]

Wee are glad you gave the ships soe timely a dispatch for England as you advise and wish them and those from us as safe arivall in due time.

[about a clause in ye: Compa: [Letter] concerning ye: son of Mr: Henry Hill. of news.] There is a clause added to the Hono^{ble} : Companys letter to ourselves concerning the son of M^{r}: Henry Hill who we understand is a Printer with you and therefore the order concerning him relates to you [that] through hast and by mistake of the Writer at home the clause was put into the letter to us we have therefore caused it to be copied and attested by the Secretary and send it you here inclosed.

By a small ship which imported here from Bantam the 8 : Instant we understand there is noe Warr broake out between that King and the Dutch as has been reported. Agent Parker was ill disposed and melancholy, M^{r}: Payne not then imbarqued for England, it being the 25th : November when this ship sailed thence.

The Agent being tomorrow seting forward upon his Journey to Metchlepatam in order to y^{e}: visiting of those ffactorys according to y^{e} : Hono^{ble} : Companys grall orders, and wee having lately advised the needfull desire you [to] excuse farther enlargem^{t}: at present wth: kind [. . . .] remaine

[Your very affectionate ffreinds,

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIM^{O}: WILKES.
RICHARD MOHUN.]

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE MARCH 10TH : 167$\frac{8}{9}$.

TO Y^{E} : RIGHT WORSP^{ll}: ROBERT PARKER ESQ^{R} :
AGENT ETC^{A} : COUNCELL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
ENGLISH NATION IN THE SOUTH SEAS RESID^{T} :
IN BANTAM.

RIGHT WORSP^{ll}: ETC^{A} :

[No: 14: of ye: Tywann arival and rect: of lettr: by her.] By the Tywan ffrigatt which arrived with us y^{e}: 4 : January we rec^{d} : yours of the 14 : and 15 : August last, and by the Ship from y^{e}: Bay y^{e}: 13th: January came that you sent by a Ship bound thither under M^{r}: Reads cover, you may please to observe that M^{r} : Mathias Vincent is Cheife in the Bay from whence we have expected a quantity of salt petree to Kintellage the Tywan, [and the difficulty to Procure a Ladeing for her]. but hitherto none apears, soe we must of necessity send her away without any, and Kintellage her with sand having nothing else at this place, & for the ship for England we sweep'd all the Country, soe that it hath been a great trouble to us procure a ladeing for her of such Callicoes as you require, nor can we yet be assured of what may be done therein, but having resolved to despatch her by the latter end of this month, [. . .] she should not arrive [. . . .] China, we must lade her [. . . .] and soe give her [. . .] M^{r}: Joseph Hynmers [. . .] councell that remaine [. . .]

tomorrow to [. . .] those [. . .] copper, Tynne [. . .] [amounting unto cats. 495-19-2] the copper we have sold at 58: pag^{os}: ℔ candy, the sappan wood 2: pag^{os}: ℔ candy, for the Tynne we have been offered [cat 30 pag^{os}:] and for the Tuttaynague 17:½: pag^{os}: w^{ch}: is less then those goods cost, and therefore we have not sold them, but if we cannot get more intend to send them to the Bay, the Tea we have ordered to be returned you upon the Ship, none offering anything for it here, M^{r}: Richard Burneby hath Invoyced y^{e}: Copper at three severall prizes Viz^{t}: at 12: 10: and 8: tayle ℔ chest which is a great differance, and we suppose is y^{e}: rates 'twas received in Barter for other goods and bought for ready mony from whence 'tis difficult to know y^{e}: losse or gaine upon it here, therefore we presume it may be a more plaine way to charge it all at y^{e}: ready mony price, for otherwise the gaines is made upon y^{e} Copper in the goods in which'tis bartered and soe in other goods received in Barter, which we refer to your Judicious consideraton.

Concerning the Tywans Cargo from Syam.

of M^{r}: Burnebys charging the coppr: at 3: severll: prizes

Wee heartily wish there could be a meanes to force Justice for y^{e}: murther of y^{e}: late Agent White and other our Countrymen, for from w^{t}: you are pleased to intimate, we observe nothing will be done in it, wth: out a sufficient power to compell y^{e}: King to it, and [*a word lost*] condine punishment be executed, y^{e}: [*a word or two lost*] English Nation will lye in a deplor [able *a word lost*].

hearty wishes for ye: execution of Justice upon ye: murtherers of Agent White [&ca]

[*About eight lines lost*] that you [. . .] please [. . .] of by next conveighance that offers

[*Several lines lost*]

of the St: Rosa'sarrival. ye: lettr: to [Bantam] of 3d: Octobr: not [being] entered in the [register] a copie [there of] desired [thence]

As to the Customes paid at Bantam, if the Honourable Company shall please to allow the English a free trade thither, as we beleave they may be inclined to doe in short time, it being aparenly [*sic*]their Interest, then we should encourge y^{e}: fremen here to make those voyages and to owne the ships belonging to this place that y^{e}: Company might thereby reap the benifit of y^{e}: Customes w^{ch}: are now paid to y^{e}: Sultan, and having found y^{e}: sweet of it so long through y^{e}: Hono^{ble}: Companys misaprehending y^{e}: state of this affaire, we doubt you will find it noe easy matter to divert y^{e}: Channell from [*what*] sign^{r}: Manoel Perera now informes us passed between yourselves and the Sultan in relation to y^{e}: S^{t}: [. . .] but to them that pay it 'tis all one whether they pay to y^{e}: King or to y^{e}: Company.

[About the] Customes pd at Bantam.

Our good ffreind M^{r}: Thomas Copping the worthy Minister for your Agency has been very acceptable to us, and we should very unwillingly part with him, but that we are loath to disoblige you, we cannot say that our entertainment of him hath been agreeable to his merits or our desires, but such as y^{e}: [*a word lost*] business and y^{e}: Country could afford and [. . .] have fallen short we intreat the [. . .] he will please to accept of our [. . .] pressed ourselves better.

Concerning M^{r}: Copping.

[*About six lines lost.*]

[Goa barrs and Tappyes allready bespoken for the Tywan.]

[. . .] at y^{e}: time of the dispatch of the Ship the [*a word or two lost*] now preparing for his journey to Metchlepatam [*a word lost*] admitts not of farther enlargement there. With kind Salutes to remaine

Your Very affectionate freinds

Streynsham Master.
Joseph Hynmers
John Bridger.
Tim^{o}: Wilkes.
Richard Mohun.

a letter to ye: Honoble: Compa to be sent home from Bantam.

The inclosed letter to the Honoble: Compa: be pleased to send for [England by ye] first ship [. . .] bound [. . .] Port after it comes to your hands.

FORT ST. GEORGE YE: 10TH: MARCH 167$\frac{8}{9}$.

No: 15:

the Bramany to endeavour to get at farme ye: Towns of St: Thoma &ca: and to advise wth [Sic] the charges for Presents will amount to.

TO OUR BRAMANY VIRA RAGAVAYA.

[*This portion in the original is in fragments.*]

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

FORT ST: GEORGE 29TH: MERCH [167$\frac{8}{9}$.]

TO THE RT: WORS [PLL:] ROBERT PARCKER ESQE: [AGENT &CA COUNCELL FOR AFFAIRS] OF THE ENGLISH [NATION IN THE SOUTH SEAS] RESIDT: IN BANTAM.

[No. 16:]

[RIGHT WORSPll: ETCA:]

The Tywans Cargo for Bantam.

[Captaine Cubitt furnishd with monyes and Necessarys].

Wee have laden on ye: Tywan ffrigate [. . . Callicoes] which we consigne to you for [. . .] Imployers, amounting [. . .] inclosed goeth allso bill [. . . callicoes] and 2: Canasters of [. . .] demand the same [. . . Capt Miles] Cubitt with [. . .] said Tywan [. . .] as ℘ his receipt herewith, for which and the amt: of the Invoice please to give this Agency Creditt soe wishing the said ship a safe arrivall with you and ye. goods to a good markett we conclude these and remaine

Your very affectionate Freinds
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.

FORT ST. GEORGE 29TH: MERCH [167$\frac{8}{9}$.]

CAPt: MILES CUBITT.

No: 17:

Capt: Cubetts dispatch for Bantam.

Wee have now Laden on board your Shipp the Tywan ffrigatt all such goods as we have to put enboard you for Accompt of ye: Honourable English East India Company we shall not detaine you here any longer, but require you immediately on receipt hereof to repair on board your said ship, weigh Anchor and with ye: first oppertunity of wind & weather set sale [*sic*] and bent your course with your best skill and Judgment for [the] speediest attaining of the Port of Ban [tam . . . then] it shall please God [. . .] we recommend to you [*a few lines lost*] you a prosperous Voyage we remaine

Your Loveing Freinds
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.

Copie of the Tywans Packett.

Two Generall letters from ffort St. George Vizt: one of the 10: Merch ye: other of the 29: Do: 1679. No: 1: 2:

Invoice of goods laden on ye: Tywan in ffort St. George. 3:

Bill of Ladeing for goods Laden on ye: Tywan from ffort St. George to Bantam. 4:

Copie of ye: Tywans Invoice from Syam to ffort St. George. 5:

A Packett of letters to the Honourable Company. 6:

Capt: Miles Cubitts receipt for pagos: 491: 10 fā: 7:

A list of the Packett. 8:

Fort St. George May ye: 7th: 1679.

To Mr. Christopher Hatton Chiefe
&ca: Councell [of] Metchlepatam.

No: 18:

abt: G. Vriall & Peter Larges Proceedings at Gulcondah.

noe persons whatsoever to pay any other Customes then according to ye: Kings Phirmd:

and if more be demanded they are to apply themselves to ye: Companys Cheifs.

All persons to be acquainted therewith, and of the penalty thereupon.

noe English to goe to Gulcundah without leave from the [Agent.]

[*Eight lines lost*] praised be God, and found affairs here in a very good posture. As the Agent passed through Pollicat, (where the Governour invited him in and gave him a very kind and Noble entertainment upon Mayday) he was informed that two English men Vizt: George Vryall and Peter Large being at Gulcondah with Some silke and other goods from Metchlepatam and Customes being demanded, of them which at first they refuseing to pay they were beaten and imprisoned untill they consented to pay the said demand of Customes, and that to procure a better price for their goods they pretended to settle a ffactory and have a constant trade in that Citty, which are practices we cannot pass by, for that noe persons whatsoever, allthough imprisoned or beaten or howsoever else compelled ought upon any occasion to pay other Customes or Dutys then of right ye: English ought to pay according to the Kings Phirmaund, & if more be demanded the Persons greived ought to aply themselves to the Companys Cheifs or to ourselves for redress and not to act any thing upon their owne heads which may infring ye: Priviledges of ye: Nation, and this we order you to acquaint all the ffactory and the ffreemen with that none may pretend Ignorance thereof, and if any shall act otherwise hereafter wee shall proceed severely with them, in denying them all liberty of trade thereafter and makeing them pay the Damage that shall [accru] by such unwarrantable proceedings [*About eight lines lost*] whatsoever the charge [. . .] of makeing up this breach ye: Persons that caused it shall pay it, for neither Mr: Vriall nor Mr: Large had a Pass from us although they tooke the Liberty to goe to Bengall & afterwards to Gulcondah notwithstanding they were acquainted with the orders made.

This being what offers at present we rest

Your affectionate ffreinds
Streynsham Master.
Joseph Hynmers.
John Bridger.
Timothy Wilkes.
Richard Mohun.

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To Mr. Richd: Burneby Cheife etc Councell in Syam. — Fort St. George May ye: 8th: 1679.

Srs

No: 19: of ye: Tywans arivall & receipt of lettrs: by her. Yours of the 18: November last by the Tywan ffrigatt Capt: Miles Cubitt we received the 4: January with the Duplicate of your former letter, the Invoice and Bill of Ladeing of Said Ships Cargo, for which [must be given] Bantam Agency Credit, and the [. . .] to Bantam with a [. . .] to the Agent & Councell [. . .] 04:---: which we pray [. . .] why we kept her [. . .] from the [. . .] fild her up [. . .] richer tho not soe agreeable to ye: sortment required as we could have wished.

Of her [cargo and] dispatch [for Bantam.]

Wee returne our kind thanks for the Relation you have been pleased to give us of the state of the Honourable Companys affairs under your managemt: wishing you all good success therein.

of news. The Agent and some of the Councell having been at Metchlepatam to vissit those ffactorys, from whence he returned ye: 2d: Instant, wearyed with traveilling and many affairs lying upon us at present, we intreat you to be refer'd to the bearer Capt: Wilcken Wigbers for a relation of our Ships departure for England the ℘ mo: ffeb: and other accurrances, presumeing you will have fresher advises from home by way of Bantam then we can send you, our last Letters from London dated in August say there was a peace signed betweene France & Holland.

recomendacions of Capt Wigbers & his concernes. The occasion of writeing this letter is to accompany the said Capt: Wilcken Wigbers lately in the Danes Service, who having a considerable estate in goods Monys, and Jewells in a sloop called Christiana Quintus of Trincumbar, the Master and men of ye: said Sloop tooke ye: oppertunity of a darke night at Pollicat in September last (when Capt: Wigbers intended to have gone aboard ye: said sloop) to run away with the Sloop and all the goods in her, & he hearing by a ship [last Metchlepatam] from Tanas [*about six lines lost*] concerns to your good selves and also by letters to the King of Syam and the Barcalong that they [may] be certified of his right and clame [*sic*] to his estate in the said Sloop, and restore him the same, Wee the more willingly granted his desire, in respect that he put a summ of mony into ye: Honoble: Compa: Cash two yeares before this accident happened & tooke bills Exchange for it, intending to have gone home in our Ships last year, or to lived [*sic*] under ye: Honoble: Companys Governmt: in this Towne as he hath done ever since, upon wch: acct: and also in respect to the Justice of the cause we request you in his behalfe that you would give him all ye: assistance you can in his affairs; that you may know ye: import of our letters to the King and Barcalong which are written in the Persian Language we herewth: send you ye: copies of them in English, and in regard we understand that a letter cannot be sent the King without a Present Capt: Wigbers hath promised to make ye: Present to the King at his owne charge to accompany the letter, this being the needfull we comend you to divine protection and rest

Your affectionate ffreinds

Streynsham Master.
Joseph Hynmers.
John Bridger.
Timo: Wilkes.
Richd: Mohun.

To the King of Syam in ye: Persian Language. — Fort St. George 8th: May 1679.

May it Please yor: Majesty.

No: [20.] Besides the fame of ye: Justice and favour of your Glorious Court to all strangers the experience of our Nation more particularly therein hath emboldened me to recommend to your Majesty the business of Capt: Wilcken Wigbers, your

assistance and kindness in such cases being so agreable with your Royall bounty, that I firmely beleeve he will obtaine it in y^{e}: recovery of his own soe unjustly and felloniously carryed from him, as I have in short given his Excellency the Uprah Colong to understand, & your Majesty will more largely know from himself, soe shall not trouble your Majesty any farther then the addition of my prayers for your long life & happiness I remaine

a letter to y^{e}: King of Syam in favour of Cap^{t}: Wigbers.

Your Majestys
Most humble and devoted
Servant
[STREYNS]HAM MASTER.

TO THE BARCALAM OF SYAM IN THE PERSIAN LANGUAGE. FORT S^{T}. GEORGE Y^{E}: 8TH: MAY 1679.

May it please your Excellency.

No: 21:

[a letter to the Barkalam in favour of Capt: Wigbers.]

The generous usage & great Justice that all persons find who repair to or have residence under your Power, doth a little strenghen [*sic*] the hopes of this bear^{r}: Cap^{t}: Wilcken Wigbers in his business, w^{ch}: I am bold to recommend to your Excellencys kind assistance, given you to understand that in Septem^{br}: last a Pilott by name Christian Norkett, accompanyed with one John Cornelives [*sic*] a Hollander with 6: other white men and one Boy, besides severall blacks ran away from this Coast with a sloop belonging to the Cap^{t}: Wilcken Wigbers, laden with severall rich goods Jewells and plate to a considerable vallue, and he is now advised by good Providence y^{e}: said sloop ariveing at Tanasaree, y^{e}: said persons and y^{e}: said riches were seized on by his Majesty of Syam's Governour there, and sent up to Syam as suspecious of some Roguery in y^{e}: Same of all w^{ch}: yo^{r}: Excellency will have a large declaration from himselfe requesting that your Excellency will favourably be pleased to here [*sic*] him, and grant him y^{t}: Justice which I am confident now [. . .] of in your Court, & I firmly [. . .] at yo^{r}: hands in a case y^{t}: soe much [. . .] really deserves yo^{r}: Excellencys [. . .] to serve his [. . .] thing yo^{r}: affaires [. . .] yo^{r}: Excellency. [. . .] remaine

[. . . humble servant]
[STREYNS] HAM MASTER.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE Y^{E}: 31TH: MAY 1679.

TO OUR BRAMANY VIRA RAGAVAYA.

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I have yours dated the 7: past by our Pattamars Bramany which arrived here y^{e}: 21: Ditto whose q^{ts}: observe, and doe much strange [*sic*] the great men of y^{e}: Court should faile with their promise to you (as you wrote me before) saying that so soon as our people at Metchlep^{a}: shall pay the pag^{os}: 3000: for present to the Divan [that] they would then endeavour their utmost to perswade his Highness to let S^{t}. Thoma & Yegamoor at farme unto us, w^{ch}: we find now quite contrary in your last letter by their privolous [*sic*] excuses you write me, having granted the Dutch such great things, tho you have not mentioned as yet the perticulars thereof w^{ch}: I would have you doe by the first oppertunity.

of the great mē: at Court not complying wth: their promise about S^{t}: Thoma & Yegamoor.

As concerning S^{t}: Thoma and the 6 towns belonging thereunto if the Divan will let y^{e}: same to us at farme at the highest rent that Cassa Verona hath agreed for to pay them for ever, w^{ch}: is pag^{os}: 1500: ꝑ annum we are willing to accept it and to pay nothing more then the said summe, for I have made a strickt enquiry into the Revenues of that Towne with the 6: thereunto belonging and find that they all doe scarce produce the pag^{os}: 1500: Verona pays for y^{e}: same, therefore the Divan is misinformed thereabouts and the reason of our [. . .] it is as formerly advised you, and for [. . .] befreinding us [*a few lines lost*].

to allow 1500: p^{as}: ꝑ añn for S^{t}. Thoma etca: & pas: 400: for the great mens fees and for writing the Phirmaund.

Chinnapatnam rent sent. a receipt requir'd for the Same.

Though I have not rec^{d}: as yet the Nabobs Rocca w^{ch}: you mention in your letter to have sent me concerning this years rent of our Towne, yet y^{e}: years end drawing near I thought fit to send it now by our people the Summe of Pag^{os}: 1200: which doe you deliver to the Divan for this last years rent of this towne Chinnapatnam, and be sure to take receipt for the same and send it by y^{e}: bearer.

advices of occurrances requir'd from Gulcondah.

In my severalls I have oftentimes enordered you to give you full advice of all accurrances in yo^{r}: parts, especially y^{e}: perticulars of what y^{e}: Divan hath granted the Dutch, which faile not to doe in your next.

to get Madapoll^{m}: & Mellick Mamudpet rent free, or Verasharoon at rent.

I wrote you allso to procure y^{e}: Townes of Madapollam and Mellick Mamud Pet, rent free of the King, to w^{ch}: you give noe answer, if that can be done or you can get Verasharoon rented to the Hon^{ble}: Company I desire you not to neglect it.

ab^{t}: 2: Englishmen being forc't to pay Custome. the Braminy to enquire into [it] and get it p^{d}: back.]

I understand there was two Englishmen that went from Metchlepatam to Gulcondah a few monts [*sic*] since with some silke and other goods to sell there, and at their being at Gulcondah, they were imprisoned and beaten untill they consented to pay such Custome as was demanded of them, which is a great violance offered to y^{e}: Priviledges of y^{e}: English Nation, of which I suppose you cannot be ignorant, and therefore ought to have given me an aco^{t}: of it I [. . .] you to make a strickt enquiry into [. . .] and if you can doe it wth: a small [. . .] said mony paid [. . .] and procure that [. . .] that nothing [. . .] as customes [. . .] be at for doeing [. . .].

lett^{rs}: sent to be forwarded for Surratt. pag^{os}: 1200: for rent sent by 4: Peons.

I have sent herewith by the bearer some letters for Surratt, w^{ch}: I would have you send thither by the first conveighance of Some Secure hand, and doe likewise send you now the pag^{os}: 1200: for this yeares rent of our towne by 4: Peons 300: pag^{os}: in each bundle.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE MAY 22^{D}: 1679.

To M^{R}: CHRISTOPHER HATTON CHEIF ETC^{A}:
COUNCELL IN METCHLEPATAM :.

N^{o}: 23: the receipt of Diary & Consultations etc^{a}:

Yours of the 9: Instant with your Dyary Consultations and accompt of Cash for the month of March and April we received by these bearers the 18th:

of the Ag^{ts}: safe returne from Metchlepat^{m}:

The 7: Curr^{t}: we advised you of y^{e}: Agents safe returne hither with all his Company (praised be God) in good health, and before the setting in of the Hott winds.

Concerning y^{e}: sale of Lead & Copper.

As to the sale you have made of the Hon^{ble}: Companys Lead & Copper to deliver it in their name at the buyers charge at Mucca [. . .] or Gulcondah, you ought to be very cautious [. . .] such contract least y^{e}: Government [*a few lines lost*] as may not indanger the loss of them againe, which we desire you have a speciall regard upon all such occasions, the Copper you have sold at 65: pag^{os}: ℔ Candy is less then what is Invoiced at from England.

a duplicate of y^{e}: Compas overland lett^{r}: rec^{d}: with advices of peace between y^{e}: ffench [sic] and Dutch.

Yesterday we rec^{d}: a Duplicate of the Honourable Companys letter overland dated y^{e}: 5th: August, which was sent us by the Governour of Pollicatt wth: advice that the peece between ffrance and the States of the United Provinces was published in October last & is to take place in India the 28th: this month whereof the Governour of Pollicatt hath given notice to the ffrench at Pudicherry by his Secretary and two others who passed by here yesterday, this being needfull we rest

Your affectionate Freinds

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIM^{O}: WILKES.
RICH^{D}: MOHUN.

We desire you to make triall of ye: Read [*sic*] and white Lead sent to you by the Saphire Pinke, how twill sell there.

a tryall to be made of Red & white lead.

FORT ST. GEORGE MAY 22D: 1679.

TO THE WORSPLL: MATTS: VINCENT
CHEIF ETCA: COUNCELL IN HUGLY.

Since the Ships returne from the [. . .] for England we have wrott [. . .] and 5th: Aprill copys of [. . .] to which we referr [. . .] by wch: Ship [. . .] & Councell [. . .] aprove of our proposalls to them for the obtaining the Mogulls Phirmaund to be Custome free at Surratt and Broach as well as in Bengall, and to have the Phirmaund run in the [name] of the English Nation in Generall and to the Comp: in ℘ticular, provided it can be procured at ye: same charge as for Bengall only, they being unwilling to goe farther in given [*sic*] their concent to the charge, because in ye: Searching their registers, they find yt: Sr: George Oxinden when he was President at Surratt made some overtures to the Company to ease their Customes their & nothing should be paid for the charge untill ye: thing was done, yet ye: Hónoble: Compa: aproved not of it, and soe the business was let fall, whereupon the President & Councell considering that we had given directions here you Should order Mr: Charnock to proceed in this business in case they should not write to Mr: Charnock about the Same, have not thought convenient to write at all to him about it, soe we having given full directions in this affair allready find nothing farther to add, but are of the opinion that the Person who offered Mr: Charnocks Vakeel to procure a Phirmaund soe large for a summe of mony will not be willing to abate one jott of the Summe to leave out Surratt or Broach & include Bengall only, for he will not consider ye: Kings Interest but his own [advantage] and therefore conclude in our opinions and [. . .] Mr. Charnock may find it soe in [. . .] the Phirmaund. [*a few lines lost*] to hand yesterday, being sent by Dutch conveighance from Persia to Pollicatt with advice of the peece being published between ffrance and the States of ye: United Nertherlands in October last, whereof the Governour of Pollicatt has sent notice to the ffrench at Pudicherry by his Secretary and two others of that Nation.

No: 24:

[Copyes of former letters sent.]

[Concerning the President & Councells answer abt: putting in or leaving out] Surratt and Broach in the Phirmaund.

A letter from ye: President and Councell [with a dupli cate of one from the Company sent.]

of ye: peece between ffrance and the Netherlands.

The Agent returned hither the 2d: Instant from his Journey to Metchlepatam and them parts with all his Company in good health (praised be God) which being what offers at present we Rest

The Agents retnrn from Metchlepm:

Your affectionate Freinds
STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMO: WILKES.
RICHD: MOHUN.

FORT ST: GEORGE MAY YE: 30TH: 1679.

TO MR: CHRISTOPHER HATTON
CHEIF ETC COUNCELL IN METCHLEPTAM.

Yours of the 19th: we received the 28th: Instant by which we observe that you have declared to the [. . .] ffreemen the orders in ours of the 7th [. . .] persons yeilding to pay Customes [. . .] priviledges of ye: English [. . .] thereunto you [. . .] Journey or traffique [. . .] order untill the [*a few lines lost*] thereby to restraine the Companys servants and such as have our Pass for licence to trade, from traffiqueing that way as they have done formerly, soe they be carefull not to infringe the Nations priviledges; but from going to Gulcondah in Person untill further order, & James Horner to whome in October last we gave a Pass to Voyage to Queda upon his promise to

No: 25:

[of a mistake of the Agents &ca: order about restrayning persons from going to Gulcondah.]

bring his Wife and inhabit in this Towne in January next, being returned from Queda to Metchlepatam with ss: Ellephants wch: he cannot Sell at Metchlepa: therefore hath humbly beg'd to have our order to goe to Gulcondah to Sell them there, saying that he will engage his body, life and whatsoever he shall be worth

James Horners request to goe to Gulcondah granted upon his giveing bond of 500 Pagos:

to make Sattisfaction for any prejudice that shall accrue to ye: Nation or to the Honoble: Company from any action of his in those parts, laying before us allso that if we shall deny him leave to goe he shall not be in a capacity to comply with his Crediters, wherefore that we may contribute to his assistance & yet act as safely as we Can, we doe order that you permitt him to goe with his Ellephants to Gulcondah, provided that before he goe he [seals] a bond of 500: pagos: before wittness for ye: performance of what he hath promissed, the forme of which bond goes here inclosed, which when he hath sealed we [desire . . .] it unto us.

[Your affectionate ffreinds
STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.
RICHARD MOHUN.]

FORT ST: GEORGE 19TH: MAY 1679.

TO OUR BRAMANY VIRA RAGAVAYA.

No: 26:

I have both yours dated the 3d: May and 5th: Current & take notice of their qts: & am glad to here that you have paid ye: Divan our Towne Rent mony, the pagos: 1200: I shall expect as you write the receipt for ye: same by ye: next.

of letters: Recd: abt: St: Thoma.

As concerning St: Thoma &ca: townes I shall doe noe otherwise then I wrott you my former to wit pagos: 1500 ℘ annum Rent & pagos: 400 Prests: for the great men their befreinding us therein.

[A Bill of Exchange for 123 Pagods: sent.]

I herewith Send you bill of Exchange for Pagos: 123: on Suravars people named Sanca Vencana in Gulcondah whereof 15: are for ye: last yeares Dubar charges, and the pagos: 108: for yor: complyance with your promise to Bramany Accana, concerning ye: Junkan he tooke from the 2: Englishmen, before ye: payment of the above said mony, be sure to receive ye: pagos: 54: they paid for Junkan, and procure that the Same be raised out of the kings books, that nothing may apear hereafter upon Register to be paid as Custome by ye: English Nation, and acqt: said Accana that his extorting Junkan in this nature [. . .] have his Highnesses Phirmaund [. . .] is peece of very great injustice done [. . .]

[about a new Phyrmaund and Rocca.]

[. . .] letter done during the said 2: [. . .] that Bramany Accana [. . .] paymt: of the said 108 pagos: that ye: [. . .] and a Phirmaund Rocca [. . .] Phirmaund granted us by [. . .] Allampana allready for our Nation to be Custome free, I know not your meaning of another Phirmaund, unless a ℘ticular Phirmd: for us to be Junkan free from Accanas new built Sara, which if it be necessary I would have you take it out and Send it to me.

abt: 2: Englishmens behavior: at Gulcondah.

The two Englishmen have behaved themselves very ill in that business, I shall take care to make them pay the 108: pagos: and punish them besides.

When you have occasion to write unto me and you have noe Peons with you to Send yor: letters by Send them by some that goes to Metchlepatam to our Cheife there who will take care to conveigh them hither.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

TO MR: CHRISTOPHER HATTON
CHEIFE ETCA: COUNCELL.

FORT ST. GEORGE JUNE 26TH: 16[79.]

No: 27:

Yours of the 9th: & 12th: Instant, wth: your Diary Consultations, & accts: Cash, for the month of May we recd: the 23th:

In your answear to w^t: we cautioned you about the sale of y^e: Companys goods to be delivered up in the Country [. . .] infringment of our priviledges, you [say . . . Go^r:] of Metchlepam exacts excessive Cu[stomes from] all merchants upon all goods bought of [us there] before permitted to pass y^e: Towne Gates, [w^ch: we nev]er understood before & if it be soe, our Ph[irmaund are] of little benifit [. . .] except we Send [. . . own . . .] to other places, and when we shall doe that other Governments to which we send may allso in short time practice the Same exaction from those that buy of us, therefore we desire you to advise us how long this have been practiced for if it has been but of late yeares we must endeavour to take it off [by] addresses at Court for orders that the Merchants w^ch: buy of us may pay noe more or other Customes then if they bought of any others, or if the goods were imported by themselves, as we understood they allwaies did, and Such is the practice with all wee deale with in the Mogulls Countreys, but at Bantam 'tis as you say of Metchlep^m:, which is only a mockery instead of a Priviledges. abt: y^e: Gov^r: of Metchlepatam exacting more then ordinary Custome of those that buy the Compas: goods.

We have rec^d: advice from M^r: Wynne of the prices of red and white lead, which we like well if grater quantities would goe off, which we desire you to endeavour, and we order you to sell what you have at those rates, and advise us what quantities thereof and of other Europe goods we may send you upon the Ships this yeare, when it Shall please God to arive them with us, they being now daylie expected. order for y^e: sale of white & red lead. Advice requir'd of w^t: Europe goods may be sent to Metchlepm:

We are glad your books of acco^ts: of both ffactorys are Ballanced and brought to a concordancy one with the other.

[We desire] you to Send us Single copies of each [. . .] as finished, which we hope will [. . .] the time untill the end of July the [. . . . copies] to be sent to England you may send by [. . .] in their returne from the Bay with [. . .] copie Books of letters etc^a: allso we [. . .] returne as the Metchlepatam [. . . we] Sent you hence supposeing you have taken copies of them to remaine in the ffactory, and the copies of books letter S. ballanced by M^r. ffeild and likewise to be sent [up] with the other. Single copies of Metchlepm: and Madapollam books of accots: required. Metchlepm: books letter B: to be [returned, allsoe Bookes letters.] allso Books lett^e: S.

We rec^d: a letter from John Scattergoods whe [rein] he desires to have leave to goe downe to the Bay to Serve [y^e] Hono^ble: Company there, to which we shall give answear when it please God to arive the Ship [. . .] England, by which we may receive some direction from the Hono^ble: Company w^ch: may relate thereunto. abt: Mr: Scattergoods request to goe to the Bay.

Herewith we send you the copie of the translation of a letter from our Bramany Egyb at Gulcondah concerning George Vriall & Peter Large their management of their business when there by which you will see how unadvisedly they brought themselves into trouble and infringed y^e: priviledges of the Nation, which allso they might have set to right againe by y^e: Braminy's assistance if they [. . .] have had patience to have stayed a day or two longer, we have given orders to compose it as the Bramany proposes, and sent up 108: pag^os: to pay the charges of procuring the 54: to be paid and raised out of the Custome Bookes, w^ch: 108: p^as: we order you to demand of the said M^r: Vriall & M^r: Large, and bring it to your Acco^ts: Credit. This being the needful at present we rest a Copie of a lett^e: concerning Geo: Vriall & Peter Large's proceedings at Gulconda [sent].

Y[our] affectionate ffreinds

[Stre]ynsham Master.
[Jo]seph Hynmers.
John Bridger.
[Ti]m^o: Wilkes.
Ric^d: Mohun.

FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE JULY 3^{D}: 1679.

TO M$^{R.}$ CHRISTOPHER HATTON CHEIFE
ETC. COUNCELL AT METCHLEPATAM.

No: 28:

[Ships] arrivall [from] England.

Our last was dated y^{e}: [26th]: ul^{t}: since which we have none from you, These are to advise you of the arrivall of the Hono^{ble}: Companys Ships from England Viz^{t}: y^{e}: Golden ffleece Cap^{t}: John North, the Success Cap^{t}: Robert Cowley and the George Cap^{t}: Nehemiah Earneing which 3: Ships departed from England in January and came to an Anchor in this road the 28th: June and the Commanders brought the Hono^{ble}: Companys Packetts ashoar that afternoon.

the goods required this yeare from Metchlepatam are the same wth: the Last.

The goods which y^{e}: Hono^{ble}: Company require to be provided and laden upon their Ships at Metchlepatam are the very same w^{ch}: they ordered the last yeare, and they still desire 100: Tonns of Pegu sticklack which we againe recommend to you to procure what quantity thereof you can.

promise of supplying Metchlepatam wth: stock.

By the ships we shall supply you wth: stock for the carrying on of those Investments y^{e}: Gold being allready dd in to the mint, and when a sufficient quantity is coyned we shall dispatch one of the Ships to supply your first occasions.

what Europe goods are sent out.

There is noe mañer of goods except 5: Chests of [. . .] and some perpetuanoes and sword blades [. . .] for sale but we shall supply [. . .] fine broadcloth for presents &c^{a}:

Pettepolee & Madapoll: to [bee] independant one of the [other].

The Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: doe order us to settle the Investments of Pettepolee & Madapollam [independ^{t}: one of the other] & to retrench the charg^{s}:, [. . . es] pecially the great charge of Metchlep^{m}: ffactory which they would have us to regulate at a certaine establishment therefore we desire you to give us an acco^{t}: of the prese[nt] charge of the Peons etc^{a}: and your opinion [how] it may be regulated as y^{e}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: direct.

The Companys orders about Suspension.

M^{r}: Chamberlayne to bee paid noe Dyet mony.

The Hono^{ble}: Company have complained their order about Suspension, that during the time that any person is Suspended their Service he is to have noe Sallary nor right of Salary, [Dyet], preceedency or any other dyet or priviledge as [a] servant of theirs but to be left in the same condition during that Suspension, as if he had never been entertained by them, therefore you are [not] to pay M^{r}: George Chamberlaine any dyet [mony] from hence forward.

the Companys orders concerning such as shall not observe their Rules.

And the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: doe allso order that if any person shall not observe their rules in the managem^{t}: of their business, especially in sending y^{e}: Diarys, Consultations and accompt of cash, monthly as it is expended, or in living at the places of their apointed residence, or any other rule formerly or hereafter to be made, for y^{e}: first offence they are to be admonished, for the second offence they are to loose a quarters Salary, and if they shall not therein acquise and amend [then] they are to be dismist the service and to be sent home by the first Shiping.

Lymiteing the ships Dispatch from Metchlepatam left to the Agent and Councell.

They doe allso refer it to us to limit y^{e}: dispatch of the Ships from Metchlepatam a day, whereof we shall write the need[fu]ll by the ships.

the Companys aprobation of M^{r}: Hatton &c^{a}: despatch of their business at Madapoll:

And they [. . .] notice that M$^{r.}$ Hatton, M$^{r.}$ [Twill] M^{r} [. . .] did dispatch their business well [at] Madapollam, for which as they had our good word, soe they shall have the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: good opinion and [their favour] in any reasonable thing, when they shall have occasion to desire it esteeming if [*sic*] their obligation noe less then their Interest to commend the good, vertuous, and diligent then to condemne the slothfull vicious and negligent.

Saile Cloth very bad. Concerning Romalls No: 34.

They say the Sailcloth N^{o}: 14: & 15: is very bad and would have thicker and better sent them and that the Rommalls N^{o}: 34: cost excive [*sic*] dear, as much againe as the silke romalls at they [*sic*] Bay, which makes them beleeve there is some mistake of the price expressed in the Invoice, and suppose they should have

had 2: peeces for the price put downe for one, but if it be no errour, and that they cannot be bought cheaper, you must noe more of them, & they say they Generally find that the Callicoes provided that year at Madapollam & the ffactorys thereabouts, cost dearer then in former yeares, and therefore order directions to be given to buy them on the cheapest tearmes procurable, keeping them to their breath[*sic*], length and goodness.

the Callicoes provided at Madapollam &ca: (in 1677) found dearer then usuall.

They have ordered thirty five thousand pounds in Bullion to provide the goods enordered at Metchlep^{m}: Madapollam and Pettepolee but the Investment will (we Suppose) amount to much more, advise us in your next.

£ 35000: in Bullion ordered for Metchlep^{a}:

The Hono^{ble}: Company disallow of the mony p$^{d.}$ M$^{r.}$ Arnold, and order that it be charged to the accompt of those from whome we had the mony, and that care be taken that none of their servants at any time run in to their debt, and to pay them no more the proportion of salary due by their Rules.

the mony paid to M^{r}: Arnold to bee charged to their Acco^{ts}: whoe did it. care to bee taken y^{t}: none of the Companys servants runn into their debts.

And they now order that their seales being only of use [for] letters be not locked up, but left in [the hands of the] Cheife, and for Passes, they doe order [that they] be granted only by their Agent and Councell at the ffort and that noe goods be thereby coloured as theirs to defraud the Country.

the Companys Seale to bee in the hands of the Chief. noe Passes to bee granted but by the Agent and Councell.

Concerning the estates of deceased persons & ꝑticularly [. . .] orders given about the estate of M^{r}: Ambrose Salisbury M^{r}: John Crandon and Docter Morris alias Woodward refer you to the 55: 71: and 72: Sections of the Hono^{bls}: Companys letter to ourselves which we have ordered to be copied and sent herewith.

[Part of] the Companys Letter about deceased ꝑsons sent.

And there being other matters in their [letter] which at this time we cannot speake so largly [. . .] as may be needfull we shall send you a copie there by the Ships into which we refer, directing your [. . .] observations thereof in every ꝑticular & at present remaine

Your affectionate ffreinds

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIM^{O}: WILKES.
RICH^{D}: MOHUN.

FORT S$^{T.}$ GEORGE JULY 10TH: 1679.

TO M^{R}: CHRISTOPHER HATTON
CHEIFE ETC^{A}: COUNCELL AT METCHLEP^{M}.

Our last to you of the 3^{d}: Ins^{t}: gave advise of y^{e}: arrivall of the Ships from England and y^{t}: as soon as we had gott some pag^{os}: coyned we should send one of [them] to supply you with stock and we haveing now gott a summe of 2000: pag^{os}: ready, we send it to you by this ship the Success Cap^{t}: Robert [Cowley ?] together wth: 2: barrells Mum as ꝑ Invoice herewith, which we desire you to take ashoar with all expedition and then to dispatch the Ship to the Bay without longer stay then 3: dayes at Metchlep^{m}: and sooner if you can, by reason she is the first ship to the Bay and caries downe a good stock in Bullion to begin the Investments there.

No: 29:

Pago^{ds}: 2000: sent to Metchlepatam by the success whoe is to bee dispatched in 3 dayes

In our last we omitted to advise you that the Hono^{bls}: Company are pleased to take notice of the good service was done them in recouering what could be had of M^{r}: ffleetwoods debt, that it was an exceptable service, and order us to note it that such as serve them best may be sensible that they are willing to shew their

The Companys resent[ment]of the good service done them in recovering

Mr: ffleetwoods debt.

good resentment of what is well done, as their just offence at what is ill performed in their business.

concerning the broad Ginghams No: 16: 17.

Allso we then omitted to write you of wt: the Honoble: Company advise us about the broad Ginghãs No: 16 : 17: which is, that they cost much more then they use to doe at Metchlepatam, that enquiry should be made into the reason of it, and endeavors: used to buy them cheaper, but to keep them to their usuall goodness, length and breadth 24: yards long ye: better.

copy of the Companys letter sent to Metchlepa: and a due observance thereof required.

The Honoble: Compas: packett by the Golden ffleece is left behind with the Purser ye: Ship being put by the Downs soe we cannot send you one of their originall letters to us dated ye: 3d: January 167$\frac{8}{9}$ but we herewith send you a copie thereof to which we refer you for what we may omitt in our advices concerning [their] affairs, requiring your due observance of all things therein directed, excepting [wherein] we have given or shall give you other directions for the good of their affairs as they have [. . .] impower us.

12 : 80: of theCompas: order about settling Pettepole and Madapollam ffactoryes independt: one of the other and retrenching the charges of Metchlepatam. The Agents and Councells result thereupon. an accot: of the charge of Metchlepatam & Madapollam required.

In the 12th: and 80: Sections of the Honoble: Companys letter you will see what directions they have given about settling their Investments and ffactorys at Madapollam and Petepolee independt: one of ano[ther] and subordinate to the ffort, and for the retrenching [the] charges of Metchlepm: ffactory soe that it may no[t] [ex]ceed 600 : pagos: ℔ annum salarys included, wch: being debated and considered in Councell, in regard of [the] want of a house at Pettepolee, and yt: the Investment was concluded upon good termes wth: the Marchants at Metchlepatam to deliver all the goods there at 8 : ℔ Cent abatement of the former prices when the [Agent] was with you in March last, we have resolved to continue the Investment and the ffactory at Metchlepm: and to settle Madapollam Investment & ffactory independt: and subordinate to the ffort, and to reduce the charges of both places as much as can consist wth: the good of the affaires, therefore we desire you to send us an accot: of the present charge of each ffactory as the Honble: Compa: direct that we may resolve thereupon and of apointing the persons that are to reside in each place as Cheife and Councell etca.

24: about dispatching the shipps from Metchlepa: and Bengale.

The Honoble: Company are pleased to leave it to us to give orders for the limitting ye: dispatch of their Ships from Metchlepm: in their returne from ye: Bay, with respect to wt: they wrot last yeare as to this business; and that we find in 54: section of the letter of 12th: December 1677: is that "both at the "Bay & Metchlepm: we were to give you good order, the [Shipps] should be "detained noe longer then was absolutely necessary for the Companys service "wch: we were to observe as [. . .] rule, as more at large in the [. . .] you to comply with.

copy of the List of goods wanting and the difference of packing.

Here with [. . a copie] of ye: lists wch: the Honoble: Compa: sent us of goods wanting and another of the difference of Packing Romalls.

27: Romalls sent. 32: [Gulcon]dah Beetelaes [and] Cummums required by the Company.

allsoe 100 tonns of Pegu Sticklack.

The list of goods wch: the Honoble: Compa: to be now provided at Metchlepm: we have examined with ye: list of those required the last yeare, and find them to agree, besides which there is 10000: peeces Sailcloth put downe in the list for this place wch: are allready bespoaken with your Merchants, and they still requre: Gulcondah Betteallas and Cummums at the prizes there limited which we desire you to use your best endeavours to procure, and allso 100: tonns of Pegu Sticklack as advised in our last, all the other goods we find you have allready given in charge to your Merchants, at ye: termes agreed upon by ye: Agent & Councell in March last, Soe that it only remaines to use your diligence to See that the goods be well made and of the dementions ordered, and to Sort and pack them in good time that the Ships may not detained for them at their returne from the Bay, longer then to receive them in.

We send you herewth: one of the paprs: drawn up by the accompt: grall: wherein you will see wt: objections are made, and what directions are given for regulating your accompts, to wch: we desire you to give a full and particular answear in a paper apart Soe far as concernes yôu at Metchlepatam and Madapollam that we may transmitt ye: same home as the Honoble : Compa : doe require us.

34: the accomptants paper sent and answear thereto required.

We send you herewith some of ye: Indulgences sent out [by the] Honoble: Company for their ffactors Commanders and Seamen, wch: we order you to [affix] up in the dineing room of each ffactory at [Metchlepatam] & Madapollam, and to give a [*a few words lost*] of the Same, as the Honoble:, Compa: require us to enjoyne all the ffactories wth: in ye: [Agency].

36: Indulgences sent wch: are to be offered [*sic*] up in the dyning Roomes [at] Metchlepatam & Madapollam.

Allsoe we send you one of the Charterpartyes for this ship the success for your perusall and Government.

37: ship success Charterparty sent.

Wee desire you to advise us what you know of the Estate and papers of John Crandon whoe deceased at Metchlepatam that wee may returne an acco: thereof as required.

71: 41 advise required of the Estate and papers of Mr: Crandon

Wee have allready wrote you aboute what ordered for mony paid Mr: Arnold the rest of the order in the 45th: Section concerning care to bee taken that none of the Companys Servants runn into their debts to pay them noe more than [the] proportion of sallary due by their Rules, and to send [home] their Accots: yearely wee recommend to your due obser[vation].

45: the order for care to bee taken that none of the Companys Servants runn into their debts and recommended to observation.

You are allsoe to observe the Rule and order given in the 46: section how ffactors sallarys are to bee paid & charged to accompt in the Honoble: Companys Bookes.

46: allsoe for paying and chargeing ffactors sallarys.

And you are to keep a Register of private trade as is againe required and as wee now doe here.

48: A register of private trade to bee kept.

And you are to keep and send us an acco: of all goods carryed from your port upon the Honoble: Companys ship and for the ffreight recd: for the same.

49: and of goods laden upon the Companys ships.

The directions given for entring the prizes of all goods bought and sold in your dyary and Consultations wee finde to bee duly observed by you & desire the continuance thereof.

50: of entring the prizes of goods bought, in the Diarys & Consultations.

The Honoble: Company haveing ordered that passes shall bee granted only by their Agent and Councell wee send you herewith tenn blanke Passes signed and sealed which you are to fill up and deliver to Such Owners of shipps and Vessells as desire them that Saile from their Ports, and are in Amity with our Nation, the fees for which Passes is 3 Pagods: for a pass for a shipp 2 Pagods: for a sloop, and 1½ Pagods: for a Boate which you are to receive and pay to our Secretary or to his order and at the end of your Monthly Diary you are to keep an Account of the said Passes and the Names of the Shipps to which you give them, and the places from and to which they are bound, and homany [*sic*] remaining, as wee may supplye you wth: more as may bee needfull, and you are to take Notice that wee have this yeare given the same orders to the Commanders that wee Did the Last Yeare, that is to take all such his Majestyes Subjects out of any Shipps or vessells they shall find them in, belonging to the Natives of India, and which have not a pass or Licence to trade, as Inhabitants under the Honoble: Companys Governments.

52: blank passes sent to Metchlepatam the ffees for the same to bee paid to the Secretary at the ffort. and an accot: of the said passes to bee kept at ye: end of the Monthly Diarys.

[orders] given to the [commanders] to seize [upon such] as they [find] in any shipp or Vessell without Passes.

54: to act according to y^e: Majority of votes.

The orders for acting what shall bee agreed upon by Majority of votes in Councell you are to observe.

72: 71: 55: an acco^t: of the estates of M^r: Salsbury and M^r: Jn^o: Crandon required. 31: 61:

Wee have allready Sent you the Transcripts of the 55th: 71st: & 72 sections Concerning Dead Mens Estates which you are to observe and especially to give us an acco^t: of M^r: Ambrose Salisbury and M^r: John Crandon Deceased, the Copye of the note, given to M^r: John Carpentor said to bee sent in the pakett, wee suppose may bee in the packett intended by the Golden ffleece, it not being in the others soe wee have it not to send you.

£ 35000: allotted for Pettipolee & Madapoll: Investments. an acco^t: required w^t: the Metchlepatam & Madapollam Investments will amount to.

You will finde the Company have allotted £ 35000: in Bullion for their Pettipolee and Madapoll: Investments to bee sent to Metchlepatam, and ordered us to augment it, if wee finde you can Invest more, therefore wee Desire you to give us an acco^t: of what your Investments at both ffactoryes may amount unto that wee may supply you accordingly by the next shipp [therefore?] advise us thereof soe soone as you can.

The quick dispatch of the success recommended.

We againe Recommend unto you the quick dispatch of this shipp to the Bay and remaine

Yo^r: affectionate friends

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.
RICHARD MOHUN.

FORT S^T: GEORGE JULY 12TH: 1679.

No: 30:

TO THE WORSP^{LL}: MATT^e: VINCENT
CHEIFE &C^A: COUNCELL OF THE BAY, AT HUGLY.

[of] Letters sent to y^e: Bay.

Our last to you was by the good Hope dated the 22 May with which went the copyes of our former of 24th: ffebruary 9th: Aprill haveing not heard from you Since the Europe Shipps came from the Bay last yeare wee have none of yours to answear and therefore shall proceed to accquant you that it pleased God to arrive the Shipps with us from England the 28th: June one of which Viz^t: the Success Captaine Robert Cowley wee now dispatch toward you with a Considerable stock in Bullion to carry on your Investments and that shee may bee the earlyer with you wee have Lymited her stay at Metchlepatam to 3 dayes to Land some Mony &c^a: there.

the Success dispatched with stock for y^e: Bay.

the Hono^{ble}: Companys: Packett for the Bay with one of their Letters to the Agent & Councell sent.

Herewith wee send you the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Packett to your Selves which came to us upon the Success, to which wee referr you, and wee allsoe Send [. . .] one of the Hono^{ble}: Companys Letters to ourselves by these shipps Dated the 3^d: January 167$\frac{8}{9}$ to [which] wee referr you for what they write concerning their affaires, (more then is inserted in their Letter to yourselves) whereupon wee shall allsoe give you the necessary orders and remarques.

15: Rules for succession to preferment Confirmed.

In the 15th: Section you will see the Hono^{ble}: Comp^a: are pleased to Confirme the Rules for succession to preferment appoynted in their Commission, and Instructions to the Agent with some additions which they have now been pleased to make for the good of their affaires, which wee recommend to your observation, being ourselves, and you must bee regulated and Govern'd thereby, but as to the Directions to take new Security as their Servants rise to higher Degrees and Imployes, wee know of noe other orders therein, then £ 2000: Security to bee taken after they come to bee ffactors and of the age of 21 yeares which is the highest Security that is given by any one.

of giveing new security.

16: Mr: Charnock to remaine [at] Pattana to finish this years business there and Mr: Littleton at Cassumbuzar.

By reason that Mr: Charnock is now appoynted Cheif of Cassumbuzar, and wee are informed that Mr: Read intends for England this yeare, and Mr: Bugden is Dismissed the service, there will bee many alterations to bee made in the Councells at Hugly and other ffactoryes, the settlement of wch: wee cannot at present resolve upon, but you shall understand our resolution therein by the Latter Shipps and as to Mr: Charnock wee esteeme it the Honoble: Companys Interest, and therefore Doe order that hee finish this yeares Saltpetre business at Pattanah and stay there to Diliver up the remaining of that [...] before hee remove to Cassumbuzar [...] remaine at Cassumbuzar to goe on in the business there untill Mr: Charnocke come to receive the charge of that ffactory from him.

17: of suspension.

The order about suspention you will finde explayned.

18: of the orders concerning any being defective in observeing the Companys Rules.

You will finde what strict orders are made, and what wee are enjoyned and required to observe, in case of [any] ones being defective or neglective in the observance of the Rules prescribed for the management of the Honoble: Companys affaires especially in the keeping Diaryes Consultations and Accompts, which God [. . .] wee shall upon default put in execution accordingly.

19: of Liveing out of the appoynted places of residencyes.

The like wee shall allsoe observe as wee are ordered in case of any ones Liveing or removeing from the place of their appoynted residence concerning which the Last yeare wee gave you directions.

21: Mr: Nurse ℘mitted to goe to the Bay but to returne by the shipps.

Mr: Nurse haveing desired Leave of us to goe downe to the Bay to recover some monyes there due to him hee sayes promiseing to returne againe and proceed for England, by these shipps, wee have granted his desire and permitted him to take his passage by one of these shipps for the Bay, and desire you to take care hee may returne by them againe in order to his returne for England.

23: the orders for procuring a Phyrmaund Confirmed.

The Last Yeares orders for procuring a Phyrmaund are Confirmed and hope you have proceeded and succeeded therein according to our directions and wishes.

26: 27: of the Compas: Complaint of the Irregular packing and want of goods from the Bay.

You will finde the Honoble: Company make great complaynts of the Irregular packing and want in Sale of their goods from the Bay herewith wee send you the two papers Sent to us concerning the same, and desire you to take effectuall care to prevent any Such thing [. . .]

Notes upon the Nillaes &ca: recommended to observation.

The Notes upon the Nillaes and [. . .]. recommend [. . . .]

62: 28: Samples sent by the Success.

The samples sent in 2 boxes are continued in the shipp Success; the quantityes which the Honoble: Company require of those Sortes are particularly set Downe in their Letter to your Selves, and in the 62 Section of their Letter to us.

30: 31: [Goods] apoynted [for] the Bay Continued [on the] shipps.

Stock in Bullion for the Bay.

Wee have Continued the goods upon each of the shipps which the Honoble: Company appoynted for the Bay, and wee have made up the Stock in Bullion for the Bay something above one hundred thousand pounds but as neear to that Summe as wee could bring it without breakeing a chest the ℘ticulars are in the Invoyces and the amot: as followeth.

58 Chests of Silver Vizt:

20:	ch: ℘ the Golden Fleece	£	19937 : 14 : 4
20:	ch: ℘ the Successe	£	18661 : 03 :—
18:	ch: ℘ the George	£	18505 : 05 : 9
			57104 : 03 : 1
3:	Chest Gold ℘ the success		43385 : 8 : 5
			£ 100489 : 11 : 6

62 : 32 : of goods to bee provided at the Bay.

The perticular goods which the Hono^{ble} : Company mentiõ : in the 32 : & 62 : Sections of their Letter to us to bee provided by you are the same which they have perticularized in their Letter to your Selves.

35 : the Directions about deceased ꝑsons estates recommended to observation. and M^{r} : Oxindens Estate. to the care of M^{r} : Vincent. [Indullgences sent which are to be affixed up in the dineing Room of each Factory]

The Directions given in the 35 : section about the estates of Deceased persons theire Nominated, wee desire you to observe the Agent recommending the care of M^{r} : Christopher Oxindens Estate unto M^{r} : Matt^{s} : Vincent.

You are to affix up the Indullgences sent out by the Hono^{ble} : Company in the Delamis or Dining roomes of every ffactory to which as the Hono^{ble} : Company [doe] order us wee enjoyne a strict observance in [all] the ffactoryes within this Agency [We send you?] herewith one of the Charterpartys for the shipp Success, and shall send you one [for each] of the other shipps with them for your Government.

45 : care to beo taken y^{t} none of the Companys servants runn into their debts &c^{a} : & to send home each ffactoryes Acco^{ts} :

You are to take care that none of the Hono^{ble} : Comp^{as} : Servants doe at any time runn into their debt, to pay them noe more then the proportion of sallary due by their Rules, and yearely to send home the Acco^{ts} : of each ffactory as the Hono^{ble} : Company [. . .] order and they direct us to advise them of all ffactoryes Complyance herewith.

46 : to observe the Rule for the paying and chargeing ffactors sallaryes.

You are allso to observe the rule and order given in the. 46th Section, how ffactors Sallarys are to bee paid, and charged to acco^{t} : in the Hono^{ble} : Companys Bookes.

79 : 47 : to require M^{r} : Bugden to pay what hee owes to the Company

You are to require M^{r} : Edmund Bugden to what hee owes to the Hono^{ble} : Company as they direct.

48 : 49 : A register of private trade to bee kept and an acco^{t} : of goods Laden upon the Companys shipps.

You are to keep a Register of private trade that is driven as wee have formerly advised that wee doe.

And you are to keep and send us an acco^{t} : of all goods Laden upon the Hono^{ble} : Companys Shipps from port to port, and of the ffreight rec^{d} : for the same.

50 : the directions for setting downe the prizes of goods in the Diary and Consultations recommended to observation.

Wee Recommend to your due observance the directions given by the Hono^{ble} : Company in the 50th : Section about Setting downe the prizes of the goods as they are really bought, and entering the same downe in your Dyarys and Consultations as wee doe here.

52 : blanke passes sent to the Bay and the ffee for the same to bee rec^{d} : and paid to the Secretary at the ffort. an acco^{t} : of the said passes to bee entered [twice] a year at the [end] of the Diarys. orders given to the Commanders to seiz [upon] such as saile [without] Passes.

The Hono^{ble} : Company have ordered that passes shall bee granted [. . .] their Agent and Councell, wee send you herewith [. . .] passes signed and sealed which [. . .] and deliver to such Imployers or owners [. . .] as desire them that saile from the Bay and are in[amity?] with our shipp eight rupees [. . .] Boate which [. . .] take them [. . .] Dyarys you are twice a yeare to enter Downe the Acco^{t} : of these passes, how many you have Rec^{d} : to whome you have given them out with the names of the shipps and the places from and to which they are bound, and how many of them you have remaining, and you are to take notice that wee have this yeare given the same orders to the Commanders of the Europe Shipps which wee did the Last Yeare as to the takeing any of his Majestyes Subjects out of the Shipps that have noe passes, and as to the carrying up their Shipps to Hugly and sending their men [in?] the sloopes.

The order for acting what shall bee agreed upon by Majority of Votes in Councell you are to observe. 54: [To] act according to Majority of Votes.

And Likewise the order now explayned concerning Dead Mens Estates. 55: of Dead Mens Estates.

Haveing considered of what the Honoble: Company advise of bringg: the Bay Bookes and stock into our Bookes, wee Doe notwithstanding thinke it best to bring them into our Bookes for many reasons wch: wee shall give them, and therefore Doe desire you to send the Ballance of your Bookes to us according to former orders. 66: of bringing the Bay booke and stock into the ffort Bookes.

The Directions for Mr: Joseph Hall's Longer stay in the Countrye you are to accquaint him with. 69: Mr: Hall to bee accquainted with the Directions for his stay in the Country.

The packett for the Golden ffleece being Left behinde with the Purser by reason the shipp mist the Downes wee have not recd: those papers of information [. . .] Bay, of abuses Committed there, to the [. . .] prejudice which wee are required to [. . . .] section, soe cann Lay nothing to them [. . .] The Honoble: Company being greatly Disattisfied with Mr: Edmund Bugdens Actings in [. . .] especially in the packing of their [. . .] pleased to require us to cause him [. . .] for what is Due to them and on receipt of their Letters to Dismiss him [. . .] service and his Sallary, Dyet, &ca: is then to cease, as if hee had never been entertayned by them, but upon the conditions exprest by the Honoble: Company, hee is [allowed?] to remaine a yeare in the Countrye and then the [next] yeare to bee sent home without faile as more at La[rge] in the 79th: Section of the Honoble: Companys Letter which wee referr, and wee Doe order you to proceed [with] him accordingly. 75: of the Compas Dem [and upon Mr. Bugden and dismissing him their service].

Haveing now finished our Notes upon the Honoble: Companys Letter wee shall add wt further offers and soe conclude untill the Departure of the next shipps by wch: time wee hope to heare from you. Indico Armour &ca: sent to the Bay.

Wee have now sent you a Barrell of Lahore Indicoe two suites of Armour one for horse and another for foot, and a Copper Lymbeck all which you Desired by the Last shipps.

Wee recommend unto you the hastening of your Investments and the timely Dispatch of the Shipps according to the Honoble: Companys Directions the Last yeare. hastening the Investments and timely dispatch of the shipps recommended.

If any thing have slipt our Memory in this wee hope you will find it supplyed in the Honoble: Companys Letters to us or your Selves, and in our advices that are to follow, soe that wee shall not enlarge at present but commending you to Divine protection Remaine

Your affectionate friends
Streynsham Master.
Joseph Hynmers.
John Bridger.
Timothy Wilkes.
Richard Mohun.

List of the packett from the ffort to Metchlepatam ℘ Shipp Success.

No: 1: ffort Gennerall to Metchlepatam Dated July 10th: 1679.
2: Copye of the Honoble: Companys Gennerall to the ffort dated Januā: the 3d: $167\frac{8}{9}$. No: 31:
3: Invoyce of shipp Success to Metchlepatam July 12th: 1679.
4: Bill of Ladeing for shipp Success.
5: Copy of the success Charterparty.
6: Indulgences for ffactors & Mariners &ca

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7 : Goods wanting &ca :
8 : Romalls Difference in packing from the Invoyce.
9 : List of goods Laden on shipp Success for Metchlepatam.
10 : Tenn Blanke Passes for shipps &ca :

List of the Packett from the ffort to Bengale ℘ Shipp Success.

No : 1 : ffort Generall to the Bay dated July 12th : 1679.
2 : the Honoble : Companys Gennerall to ye : ffort Dated Januã : 3 : 167$\frac{8}{9}$
3 : Invoyce of Shipp Success to Bengale.
4 . Dittos Bill of Ladeing.
5 : Copye of shipp Successes Charterparty.
6 : Goods wanting &ca :
7 : Romalls Diffirence in Packeing from the Invoyces.
8 : List of goods Laden on board the success for Bengale.
9 : Mr : Bugdens Accompt from England.
10 : Tenn blanke Passes for shipps &ca :

The Honoble : Companys Packett to the Bay.

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1. Companys Gennerall to the Cheif & Councell Jañua : 3 : 167$\frac{8}{9}$.
2. Copye of the Companys Gennerall overland Augst : ye : 5th : 1678.
3. Invoyce for shipp Success to the Bay.
4. Indullgences for ffactors officers & Seamen.
5. The Acomptants Paper.

Fort St : George July ye : 12th : [1679.]

Captr : Robert Cowley.

No : 32.

Wee haveing taken ashoare out of your shipp the success, such of the Honoble : Companys treasure and goods as wee have thought Convenient to bee Land [ed] at this place, and put on board and continued in your shipp, such treasure and goods as are Necessary to [be] Landed at Metchlepatam, and in the Bay Bengal [e] wee order you with the first Conveniency of wind & weather after Receipt hereof to weigh Anchor and saile to the roade of Metchlepatam, and when it shall please God to arrive you there send our Packett herewith Dilivered you ashoare to Mr : Christopher Hatton the Cheif &ca : Councell there, and whilst you remaine there you are to follow the orders of the said Cheif and Councell both for the Landing the treasure and goods consigned to them, and for the Ladeing of other goods there on board your shipp, and for the time of your stay there and Dispatch from thence to the Bay of Bengale which wee have Limited to three dayes and when it shall please God to arrive you in the Bay, During the time of your Stay there, you are to follow the orders of the Worsp11 : Matts : Vincent Cheife &ca : Councell at Hugly, both for your dilivering reladeing and Dispatch from thence.

a saile to Metchlepatã and to follow the orde : of the Cheif and Councell there,

and in the Bay to follow the orders of the Cheif and Councell at Hugly.

Wee Desire you to bee aiding and assisting to the Honoble : Companys Servants, what in you Lyes both at Metchlepatam and in the Bay in all things [they ?] shall Desire of you in respect [the Honoble :] Companys Interest.

[and to give assistance at Both Places.]

Whereas his Majesty by his Royall Charter to the Honoble : ye : Governor : & Company of Merchants of London tradeing into the East Indies hath signifyed his pleasure & granted full power and authority to the said Governr : and Company & their Successors to seize upon the persons of all such English or other his Majestyes subjects in the East Indies which shall saile in any Indian Vessell or Inhabitt in these parts without the Leave and Licence of the said Governour and Company in that behalfe first had and obtayned, or that [shall Contemne] or Disobey their orders, and send them for England, as appeares in his

Power in his Majestys Charter.

Majestyes said Royall Charter, and the said Hono^{ble} : Governour & Company haveing authorized impowred and enordered us the Agent and Councell for all affaires upon the Coast of Choramandell and Bay Bengale that all such English as are out of the Hono^{ble} : Companys Service must reside at this towne of Madrasspatam under their Government and that none must Serve the Princes of India, or Navigate the Vessells or ships of the Natives wherefore that such orders of the said Governour and Company may bee observed for the good and advantage of our Nation, wee Doe hereby order you that if you should meet with any English or other his Majestyes subjects Sailing or Navigating in any Vessell or shipp belonging to the Moors, Moghulls, Armenians, Bayuians, Gentues or other Natives of India, that are not Christians and that have noe Passes from the Hono^{ble} : Companys President or Agents and Councells in [*a few words lost*] such Navigation, that you [*a few words lost*] or persons out of such Vessell or Shipp and bring him or them to this place to answear before us such their Contempt of [his] Majestys Royall Charter and the Hono^{ble}: Companys orders, and for your soe Doeing this shall bee your sufficient order and Warrant.

all his Majestyes subjects that saile without passes to bee seized upon, and brought to the ffort.

The Hono^{ble}: Company haveing charged us to use all meanes for the attayning their Desire that the ship may goe up the river Ganges, wee recommend it [to] you as a thing in our opinions very feezable and [*a word lost*] and of very great Reputation, advantage, and security, to the Hono^{ble}: Company & your owners, and therefore wish you would put it in practice and carry your shipp up to Hugly or at Least as farr as Channoc[k] for which the Hono^{ble}: Company Did the last yeare give greater encouragement then ever, and they have not recalled the same this yeare that is that the owners shall have 40^{s} : ℘ ton, on the whole shipps Tonnage the Commanders £100 : the Cheif Mate £20 : the 2^{d} Mate £16 : the 3^{d}: Mate £12 : the 4th : Mate £10 : and one Months pay to the rest of the officers and seamen, all which wee doubt not but they will make good accordingly, but if notwithstanding this great incouragement you will not hazzard goeing up with your shipp for want of orders from your owners, yet that the Channell & River may bee the better knowne to our Nation wee order you to send up one of your Mates or midshipp Menn or some other ingenious observeing Man in every one of the Hono^{ble}: Companys sloopes every turne they make beetween Ballasore and Hughly ordering such your Men to take good Notice and observation of the shoals, and sands, and to assist in Sailing of the sloopes, by which meanes wee hope our people in Gennerall will beecome accquainted with the passage up that River and soe make Less Difficulty of carrying shipps up then hitherto it hath been apprehended to bee.

About shipps Goeing up the Ganges & y^{e} : Compas: incouragement.

And for the better effecting the Hono^{ble}: Companys desires of haveing their shipps goe up the River Ganges to Hugly, they have been pleased to order us to take out of their shipps some ingenious young men that are Artists to bee imployed in their sloopes, that by experience they may bee fitted to pilott their Sloopes up that river wherefore if the Chief and Councell in the Bay should desire any such men of you wee desire you to spare them one or two if they bee willing to stay, and you to part with them, this being the Hono^{ble} : Companys order, and for their service you may not question their approbation thereof, notwithstanding your Charterparty it haveing been allready practized by Captaine Bonnell and Captaine Bendall in 1676 (and by Captaine Stafford and Captaine Thompson the Last Yeare) and well approved of by the Hono^{ble}: Company. Haveing not farther to enlarge wee commend you to the protection of Allmighty God and Remaine

Companys order about seamen to be taken out of their ships.

Yo^{r}: very Loveing friends
STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.
RICHARD MOHUN.

FORT ST : GEORGE JULY [. . . 1679.]

TO MR : CHRISTOPR : HAITON

CHEIF &CA : COUNCELL IN METCHLEPATĀ :

No: 33: Receipt of Dairys Consultations &ca.

Yours the 3d : Instant from Madapollam wee recd : the 12th : a night (after the success was under *sail* from hence toward you) with your Diary, Consultation Acco^t : Cash for the month of June, and the Metchlep^a : Bookes of Acco^ts : Letter S: for the ffort.

The Madapollam Merchants to bee paid (at Least) half the 20,000 pagods: sent ℘the success.

Wee observe in your Consultations that 3 Madapollam Merchants were Importunate for mon [ey] to carry on their Investments therefore wee would [have] you pay them at Least the halfe of 20000 pagods : sent upon the success, and your Metchlepatam Merchts : will bee supplyed sufficiently with what is to follow up the the next shipps.

Metchlepatam & Madapoll Bookes expected.

Your Metchlepatam and Madapollam Bookes Ballanced the 30th : Aprill Last wee are now expecting and Desire you allsoe to returne us the Metchlepatam Bookes Letter R which wee sent you upon your writeing that the Copyes with you were Imperfect which is all at present from

Yor : affectionate friends
STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JNO : BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.
RICHARD MOHUN.

FORT ST. GEORGE JULY [. . . 1679.]

TO THE HONOBLE : THOMAS ROLT President of INDIA PERSIA &CA : AND GOVERNOR : OF BOMBAY AND TO THE COUNCELL FOR AFFAIRES OF THE ENGLISH NATION IN SURRATT.

Srs :

No: 34: of Letters Received.

Wee have two of yours before us to answear one dated the 5th : Aprill wee recd : by the Good hope upon the 4th : May the other Dated the 19th : May recd : the 14th : June by returne of our Pattamars but therein wee Doe not find that ours of the 10th : March was come to your hands.

the Presidents and Councells Letter to the Bay sent forward with theirs & the Agent & Councells opinions concerning the procury of a Phyrmaund.

Your Letter to Mr : Vincent &ca : in the Bay in answear to theirs wee have sent forward with the copyes of the two Phyrmaunds by the Good hope which sailed thither the 24th : May, and wee hope is safe there by which Conveyance wee allsoe advised our friends in the Bay your opinion of procuring the Phyrmaund, and thereupon gave them ours [that] the person that undertooke to obtayne it for [*a word lost*] would not abate of his Demands to Leave out any place, for that such undertakers gennerally Preferr their owne gaine without Consulting the Kings Interest, and therefore hoped they would finde it soe in the practice, but Surrat and Broach might bee included at the same charge as Bengale onely, but if it bee otherwise you have rightly and judiciously placed the error, by Lookeing Soe farr back into your Registers where you found cause enough to use that prudent waryness which you Couched in your [answear].

Letters sent by a Dutch shipp recd :

The Letters which Agent Petitt sent us by a Dutch [Shipp] to Tuttycoree, wee received the 21st : May, and our Neighbours at Pollicat at the same time recd : advice of the peace between ffrance, and Holland, where [on] they Immediately sent Notice to the ffrench at Pudicherry, by their Secretary, and two others and the ffrench returned the Complement a few Dayes [after] by two ffrench men sent to Pollicate, soe there [appeares] great friendlyness between them, but the ffrench are Impatient of advices and supplyes for want of both which they are necessitated to Lye as still now as before, the packett which you sent for the ffrench Padryes was dilivered them.

of the friendshipp between the ffrench and Dutch upon the news of peace.

The 28th: last month it pleased God to arrive the ships with us from England Vizt: the Golden ffleece Captaine John North, the Success Captaine Robert Cowley, and the George Captaine Nehemiah Earning the first was put by the Downes the other two sailed from thence the 14th: January and all of them touched at Johannah by them wee have very Little news of the publick concernes of Europe, persons of all quallityes In England being wholly taken up about the business of the Late Plott of the Jesuitts for the alteration of the Government and religion, for which some were executed and others Condemned, the full accot: of all you have by the shipps bound to your Presidency which will bee wth: you before this reacheth you, they being ready to saile to Gravesend at the Departure of these ships soe farr as wee can Learne the places which by the peace were to bee Dilivered up by the ffrench were not Dilivered nor the peace ratifyed by the Spaniard at the Comeing away of our [shipps] the Parliament [was] Prorogued the 30th: of December to the 14th: of [ffebry:].

of the shipps arrivall from England.

of News.

The Golden ffleece being put by the Downes the Purser of the said shipp was left ashoare there wth: the Honoble: Companys Packett which wee presume may bee sent by the shipps bound to your Port and wee find by the Letter to us there are severall papers in it, which are not sent in the Packetts by the Success, and the George, therefore wee intreat your care, in the sending of it by a paire of expresse: to Bengale, as soon as come to your hands (takeing out the Invoyce and send that by these Pattamarrs Directly back to this place) the Agent being intended Downe thither on the Golden ffleece the Latter end of this Month to settle the ffactoryes there the Honoble: Company haveing made some Alteratiō: , and sent noe supplye of ffactors wee cannot well resolv how to put them in order at this Distance, and During the Agents Absence, Joseph Hynmers resides here as Deputy Governour John Bridger and Timothy Wilkes of the Councell and Richard Mohun accompas: this Agent to the Bay with some others.

[A] desire that if the [p]ackett designed [by] the ffleece should [come] by the Surrat Shipps it may bee [for]warded to the [Agent] to Bengale.

You will please to pardon the Length of time wee have taken to send these pattamars to you. Since the arrivall of our Shipps the Necessity of attending the quick Dispatch of the shipps to Metchlepatam and the Bay to supplye ym: wth: stocke, and giveing the Honoble: Company an Accompt thereof in our first advices overland occasioning the Delay beyond what otherwise wee should bee guilty of.

Excuse for deferring to send advioes.

The [inclosed to] the Honoble: Company wee Desire you to send [forward] with your first packett to them Via which being what offeres at ℘sent respectfully Remaine

[A desire that] the packett to [the Company] may [be forwarded]

Yor: very affectionate friends

Streynsham Master.
Joseph Hynmers.
John Bridger.
Timothy Wilkes.
Richard Mohun.

The 12th: Instant shipp Success sayled from hence to Metchlepatā: & ye: Bay.

of the successes Dispatch.

Fort St: George July 24th: 1679.

To Mr: Christopher Hatton Cheif &ca: Councell at Metchlepatam.

No. 35.

The 22d: Instant wee received yors: of the 12th: wth: the Bond of James Horners &ca: papers there inclosed and the Madapollam Bookes D: ballanced the 30th: Aprill last past.

James Horners Bond &ca: papers with Madapollam Bookes recd:

of the Agents intended Voyage to the Bay. Metchlepatam factory to bee prepared for his Reception

The Agent being intended to voyage downe into the Bay upon the Golden ffleece and to call at Metchlepatã: in the way wee shall not inlarge at present but refer all things to his personall appearance there Desiring you to put the ffactory in a readiness to receive him, and those that accompany him, During y^e: time of his stay w^th: you, which is all at present from

Yo^r: affectionate friends
[STREYN]SHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.
RICHARD MOHUN.

FORT S^T: GEORGE JULY [...^ST:] 1679.

TO THE RIGHT WORSP^LL: y^e:
AGENT & COUNCELL IN
BANTAM.

S^rs:

No: 36. A letter sent by [the] Tywan for Bantam.

Our Last to you was by Captaine Cubitt in the Tywan which sailed from hence the 29^th: March & wee hope reached you in good time, for the supplye of your ffactoryes w^th: the Cargoe shee carryed.

Of letters rec^d: thence. The Merchants acqquainted with what goods desired for the Eagles Cargoe.

The first of this Month wee rec^d: yours of the 17^th: May and have allready given our Merchants an Accompt of the goods you Desire to bee provided for the Eagles Cargoe which God sending safe here, wee hope to Dispatch Sooner then wee did the Tywan haveing hopes to obtayne some Saltpetre from the Bay, the want of which was the Occasion of the Tywans Longer stay last yeare.

Mr: Paynes Mony [p^d] by his order to [Segn^r] ffrancis Carnero. Mr: Payne desired to make returnes of the Agents mony in his hands.

The mony which the Agent had here of M^r: Paynes was some mony since paid to Segn^r: ffrancisco Carnero upon M^r: Paynes order, and the Agent haveing some Monyes in M^r: Paynes hands for Raw Silke consigned to him, wishes hee would please to make him returnes thereof.

Wee give you our Respective thanks for the favour you have Done us in joyning with us in your advices to the Hono^ble: Company for the encouragement of the trade of this their [Port] and Towne.

of shipps arrivall from England.

The 28^th: June Last it pleased God to arrive with us the shipps from England Viz^t: the Golden ffleece, Success, and George the Agent being [. . .] upon the Golden ffleece to visitt y^e: ffactorys in the Bay, wee shall not enlarge at present but [Commen] ding this ship which belongs to this Port unto your favour remaine

Your very affectionate friends
STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.
RICHARD MOHUN.

FORT ST: GEORGE JULY 31ST: 1679.

To Mr: CHRISTOPHER HATTON

CHEIF &CA: COUNCELL AT METCHLEPATAM.

Yours of the 18th: wee Received the 27th: Instant together with the papers inclosed. No: 37. Letters &ca: papers recd.

Wee have Laden 90000 pagods: upon the Golden ffleece and George besides the 20000: sent you by the Success which 110000 pagods: with the 16000 paid upon your Investments before the shipps arrived will as wee Callculate bee sufficient for your Investment and the charge of both ffactoryes. 90000 Pagods: Laden upon the Golden ffleece & George for Metchlepatam.

The Agent upon the order of Mr: Hatton hath paid into the Honoble: Companys Cash here the summe of 2975 5/7 Rupees, upon the Accot: of Mr: Ambrose Salsbury Deceased in Conformity to the Honoble: Companys Orders in their Letter of the 3d: January 167 8/9: Received by these Ships, which Rupees 2975 5/7: being exchanged into Pagos: at 319 rupees ℘ 100 Pagods: makes Pagods: 932 : 32 : 00 : which summe is ordered to bee entered to the creditt of Mr: Ambrosse Salsbury Deceased in the Companys Bookes of Accompts here. 2975 5/7 Rupees paid by the Agent into the Companys Cash for Accot: of Mr: Salsbury decead.

Wee shall not enlarge at present referring all to ye: Agents ℘sonall Converse whoe intends to imbark this Day or to Morrow.

Your affectionate friends
STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.
RICHARD MOHUN.

FORT ST: GEORGE JULY 31ST: 1679.

CAPT: JOHN NORTH.

Wee haveing taken ashoare out of your shipp the Golden ffleece such of the Honoble: Companys treasure and goods as wee have thought convenient to bee Landed at this place, and put on board and Continued in your shipp such treasure and goods as is Necessary to bee Landed at Metchlepatam and in the Bay Bengale wee order you with the first Conveniency of wind and weather after rect hereof to weigh Anchor and sayle to the roade of Metchlepatam and when it shall please God to arrive you there and allsoe in ye: Bay of Bengale you are to follow the orders of the Agent whoe with Mr: Richard Mohun of his Councell takes his passage upon your shipp to visitt those ffactorys. No: 38. [Ships] to saile to Metchlepa: and to follow the ordrs: of the Agent both there & in the Bay.

Wee Desire you to bee aiding and assisting to the Honoble: Companys Servants what in you Lyes both in Met [chlepa] tam and in the Bay in all things they shall Desire of you in respect to the [Honble] Companys Interest. and to give assistance at both places.

Whereas his Majesty by his Royall Charter to the Honoble: The Governour and Company of Merchants of London tradeing into the East Indies hath signifyed [his] pleasure and granted full power and authority to the said Governour and Company and their Successors [to Seize] upon the persons of all such English or any other [of] his Majestyes Subjects in the East Indies which shall saile in any Indian Vessell or Inhabit in these parts without the Leave and Lisence of the said Governour [and] Company in that behalfe first had and obtayned or [that] shall Contemne or Disobey their orders, and send them for England as appeares in his Majestys said Royal Charter and the said Honoble: Governour and Company haveing authorised Impowered and enordered us the Agent and Councell for all affaires upon the Coast of Choramandell and Bay Bengall, that all such English as are out of the Honoble: Companys Service must reside at this towne of Madrasspatam under their Govern [t:] and that none must Serve the Princes of India [or] Navigate the Vessells or shipps Power in his Majestyes Charter. all his Majestyes subjects that saile without Passes to bee seized upon and brought to the ffort.

of the Natives wherefore that such orders of the said Governour and Comp[any] may bee observed for the Good and advantage of our Nation, wee Doe hereby order you that if you should meet with any English or other his Majestys Subjects Sailing or Navigating any Vessell or [shipp] belonging to the Moors, Moghulls, Armenians, Banyans, Gentues or other Natives of India that are not Christians or have noe Passes from the Hono[ble]: Companys Presidents or Agents and Councell in India, Lisencing [*a word lost*] Navigation that [*a few words lost*] take such person or persons out of such Vessell or shipp, and bring him or them to this place to answear before us such their Contempt of his Majestys Royall Charter and the Hono[ble]: Companys orders and for your soe Doeing this shall bee your sufficient order or Warrant.

about shipps goeing [up] the river Ganges [and the] Companys incouragement.

The Hono[ble]: Company haveing charged us to use all meanes for the attayning their Desire that the shipps may goe up the river Ganges, wee Recommend it to you as a thing in our opinions very feezable and safe, and of very great reputation, advantage and Security to the Hono[ble]: Company and your owners and therefore wee Doe wish you would put it in practice and carry your shipp up to Hugly or at least as farr as Channoke for which the Hono[ble]: Company Did the Last yeare give greater incouragement then ever and they have not recalled the same this yeare, that is that the owners shall have 40[s] ℘ tonn on the whole shipps tonnage the Commanders 100£: the Cheif Mate 20£: the 2[d] Mate 16£: the 3[d]: Mate 12£: y[e]: 4[th]: Mate 10£: and one Monthes Wages to the rest of the officers and Seamen, all which wee Doubt not but they will make good accordingly but if notwithstanding this great incouragement you will not hazzard goeing up with your shipp for want of orders from your owners, yet that the Channell and River may bee the better knowne to our Nation wee order you to send up one of your Mates or Midshipmen or some other ingenious observing man in every one of the Hono[ble]: Companys sloopes every turne they make between Ballasore and Hugly ordering such of [your men] to take good Notice & observation of [the shoals and Sands] and to assist in the sailing [of] the sloopes by which meanes wee hope our peo[ple in] Generall will become accquainted with the passage up that River and soe make less Difficultye of carrying shipps up then heretofore it hath been apprehended to bee.

Of the Companys order aboute seamen to bee taken out of their shipps

And for the better effecting the Hono[ble]: Company[s] desires of haveing their ships goe up the river [Ganges] to Hugly they have been pleased to order us to take out of their ships some ingenious young men that are Artists to bee imployed in their sloopes that [by] experience they may bee fitted to Pilot their sloopes up into that River wherefore if the cheif and Councell in the Bay should Desire any such men of you, wee Desire you to spare them one or two if they bee willing to stay and you to part with them, this being the Hono[ble]: Companys order, and for their service you may not question their approbation thereof, notwithstanding Your Charter Party it haveing been allready Practised by Captaine Bonner and Captaine Bendall in 1676: and well aproved of by the Hono[ble]: Company allsoe Captaine Stafford and Captaine Thompson Did the Like the Last yeare.

Haveing not farther to enlarge wee Commend you to the protection of Allmighty God and Remayne

Your very Loveing friends
STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.
RICHARD MOHUN.

The same Dispatch Dated the same Day was given to Captaine Nehemiah Earning Command^{r}: of shipp George.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE JULY 31TH: 1679.

TO OUR BRAMINY VIRA RAGAVAYA

I received yours of the 11th: June and 5th: & 16 July for answear thereunto concerning S^{t}: Thoma I have written you my Minde in severall Letters unto which I referr you, I have Considered thereon and Since I have promised Pago^{ds} 1500 ℘ annum I will give that but not more knowing it will bee farr better for the Divan to accept of that summe from us then some what Larger from any other ℘son.

No: 39.

[Pagods] 1500 ℘ annum [to bee] given for St: Thoma & noe more.

I have formerly ordered you and now againe charge you when you pay the Pago^{ds}: 108: to Braminy Accana you see raised out of the Divans Bookes the Pago^{ds}: 54 which hee tooke from the 2 Englishmen for Custome of their goods, and that you receive the said 54 Pago^{ds}: back againe and take care that this Doth not Remayne as a President for the future and I know not what you meane of the Pago^{ds}: 30 for Braminy Pishpawty Yencataya you never writeing thereof to mee before and I know noe reason for the payment thereof therefore endeavour to avoyd paying the same.

the mony paid for Junkan to bee got paid back and raised out of y^{e}: Kings bookes.

Concerning the fees Braminy Sandapa and Lyngapa Demands for writeing the rec^{ts}: for this Townes rent I send herewith Pago^{ds}: 30: for the Last Yeares Receipt but for the rec^{t}: the yeare before that I sent him allready 6 yards of fine Scarlett in leiw of 30 Pago^{ds}: which you may minde them of when you pay the said Pago^{ds}: 30: I now send you, tho not to bee Paid as Due fees for writeing the rec^{ts}: (for the English never use to pay fees to any) but as a meanes to obtayne their friendshipp hopeing they will be [friend us] in what our business shall require from time to time.

pagods: 30 sent for writeing the last yeares Receipt.

I am God willing this Day Departing from [heare] to the Bay of Bengall wherefore you may hereafter Direct your Letters and what business you have [to] M^{r}: Joseph Hynmers whoe Remaines here in my place untill I returne againe from the Bay which will bee in December next God willing.

the Braminy to Direct his Letters to M^{r}: Joseph Hynmers.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE Y^{E}: 8TH: SEPTEM^{BR}: 1679.

TO OUR BRAMINY VIRA RAGAVAYA.

I have yours Dated the 18th: past whose q^{ts}: obser [ve] especially what you write mee Concerning Podila Lyngap[a's] malicious request to Braminy Accana Pantulo to obtayne a grant from his highness for us to pay him our Towns Rent meerly to encroach upon us by degr[ees] which hee may be sure wee shall never give Consent to any such unjust things as his Malicious heart prompts him to against us but shall oppose it soe long as wee have Life in our Bodyes Since it is a thing quite contrary to our first agreement as it appeares by the former Cowle and the Last Phyrmaund and Cowle gran[ted] us by his Highness the Ollampana in Confirmation thereof whoe wee hope for his honour sake will take care to performe his grant unto us as wee have hither in complying with our Obligations toward [the] Divan Concerning which I now send a Letter herewith [to] Accana Pantulo as you advise us and the copye thereof unto [*a word lost*] which Letter you [*a few words lost*] him if you thinke Convenient with many Sallams from mee Desireing him not to give ear to any the like unjust Desires of Podula Lyngapas for wee shall never Consent thereto, and whatsoever else you

No: 40. about Lyngapa's endeavouring to receive Chinapatnam rent.

shall thinke Convenient to tell him from mee and since the right Worspll: Governour wrote you at Large in his Last unto you before hee Departed from hence to the Bay of Bengale by our Pattamar Braminys I omitt repeating the same againe untill I heare farther from you.

JOSEPH HYNMERS.

FORT St: GEORGE 8TH: SEPTEMBR: 1679.

To BRAMINY ACCANA PANTULO.

May it Please yor: Lordsp:

No: 41: An address to Braminy Aooana for the preventing Lyngapa's receiveing China-patnams Rent and farming St: Thoma.

By a Letter lately Received from our Higib Vira Ragavaya I understand that Braminy Podula Lyngapah Doth press your Lordsp: very much to obtaine a grant from his Highness whereby hee may bee permitted to receive the yearely Rent of this our towne and what is his Designe herein or to what endeavours to get it wee know not, and hee knows it is Contrary to our agreement with the Divan as it appeares by the Cowle granted us by the Deceased Nabob Neckmam Cawne by the Late Kings Consent and the gratious Phyrmaund & Cowle granted us by his highness the Ollam[pana] (whome God Preserve) in confirmation thereof as your Lordsp knowes it very well, and wee cannot by any meanes give our Consent to yeild to any such thing our agreement [*a few words lost*] the Divan not to pay our towne of Chinapatnam's Rent to any of the Avaldars [Governors] or any other officers or people whatsoever belonging to the Divan in these Parts but to the Divan itse[lf] at Golcondah, and to none else and wee Doe yearely [. . .] with our obligation in paying the said Rent there soe wee doe accordingly expect that the Divan should Rema[yne] Phyrme to the Phyrmaund and Cowle granted us as [they] are given by a true and faithfull King his highness the Ollampana and wee hope that your Lordsp as a just & upright person under him will never countenance [*a word lost*] that Desires such unjust things as said Lyngapah would perswade you meerly to act his ill Designes and [Malice] hee beares towards us, whoe are the Ollampanas faithfull Antient, and proffitable friends, as wee have shewed ourselfes on all Occasions, and in case said Lyngapah should be Permitted to any such thing, wee thought fitt to give your Lordsp: Notice beforehand that wee shall not suffer him to Molest us in the Least, for hee shall finde us as ready in avoyding the same as hee may bee in doeing it soe I shall not trouble your Lordsp any farther aboute it but referr you to our Higib to whome you may please to give Credence and Lay your Command [s] upon mee.

Verona hath reason to Complayne for since hee farmed of the Divan St. Thoma at 1500 Pagods: ℘ Annum and hath been at the charge of Pagods: 4000 to build houses and to Invite inhabitants there notwithstanding all this wee are informed that Podula Lyngapa by sinister and indirect wayes hath wrested it out of his hands, this ought not to bee suffered considering yt: Verona hath a Phyrmaund from the Ollampana and a [Rocca from] your Worthy Brother [*a word lost*] and the Nabob your Lordshipp I Doubt not but will use your endeavours for the honour of the Ollampana to put St: Thoma into Veronas hands againe and the rather because men may have noe reason hereafter to Doubt of the verity of soe great a Princes Phyrmaund, but on the contrary to Depend and trust yt: it will never bee violated.

JOSEPH HYNMERS.

FORT Sr: GEORGE SEPTEMBER 11TH: 1679.

To Mr: CHRISTOPHER HATTON

CHIEF &cA: COUNCELL IN METCHLEPATAM.

Sirs,

No: 42. Letters bookes of Accots: Consultations &ca: recd:

Yours of the 28th: and 18 August wee received the 6th: and 28th: with the Bookes of Accompts Letter T: the List of Madapollam Servants with Copyes of your Consultations Diary and Accompt of Cash for the Month of July.

Wee take notice you have received by the Golden ffleece and George the treasure &c^{a}: Consigned you & as to the Pago^{ds}: 30000: broad cloth &^{a}: with which you have furnished the Councell of Madapollam you shall have Creditt by that ffactory.

of the rect: of treasure &c^{a}: at Metchlepatam.

Wee Doubt not but by this time our Agent is arived in the Bay God [prosper] his undertakeings there & returne him hither in safety againe.

Wee Desire you to bee mindefull of the Gunnyes roapes, and twine recommended to you by our Agent and that the [*a word lost*] bee remitted hither by the shipps from y^{e} Bay As to the [pago^{ds}: 9] 32: 32 which you mention wee [have] given M^{r}: Ambrosse Salsbury Deceased Creditt [in the] Bookes of this ffactory.

Gunnys Ro pes &c^{a}: to bee sent by the ships. pago^{ds}: 932: 32: brought to the creditt of Mr: Salsbury deceased.

Wee have not else at present soe Committ you [and] our honourable Imployers affaires (under your direction) to the protection of God Allmighty & rema[yne]

Your affectionate friends
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE SEPTEMB^{R}: 11: 1679.

M^{R}: JOHN FIELD &c^{A}:
COUNCELL IN MADAPOLLAM.

Sirs,

Yours of the 18th: August with copye of our Agents Commission & Instructions Impowring you to transact the hono^{ble}: Companys affaires in Madapollam factory wee Received the 31: August & Doe wish each of you good successe in your respective places and soe Remayne

No: 43. A Letter from Madapoll with copye of the Agents etc^{a}: Commission to the Cheif & Councell there.

Yo^{r}: affectionate friends
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 17TH: SEPTEMB^{R}: 1679.

M^{R}: JOHN FEILD ETC^{A}:
COUNCELL.

Sirs,

No: 44:

Our last to you was of the 11th: Currant Since w^{ch}: wee Received yours of the 3^{d}: Ditto.

Letters sent & rec^{ed}.

As to the Contract with the Callicoe Merchants you are by all meanes to Complye with them this yeare in supplying them with mony as M^{r}: Hatton did the last yeare, and to hasten them in bringing in the goods that soe you may bee in a readiness to lade them on the Hono^{ble}: Companys Shipps as soon as they appeare from the Bay.

the Madapollam Mchts: bee supplyed with: mony.

To prevent the stoppage of the Hono^{ble}: Companys goods you are to augment the Piscashes to Chumbro & [Kisnapah] but withall wee Recommend to your frugality as the Hono^{ble}: Company in all their Letters mind us of.

[to] augment the Piscashes to Chumbroo & Ksnapah.

Here inclosed goes as many of the Hono^{ble}: Companys Indulgences as wee Can well spare.

Indulgences sent.

Your Consultations Diary Notes and Acco^{t}: Cash for the Month August wee have Received.

Consultations Diary &c^{a}: received.

to press the Merchants to an Increase of ordinary Long cloth.

Faile not to press the Merchants to an aditionall Investment of ordinary Long cloth the quantity wee shall bee able to procure here this yeare will fall much short of what the Hono[ble]: Company require which is all at Present from

Sirs,
Your affectionate friends
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.

FORT S[T]: GEORGE 29[TH]: SEPTEMBER [1679.]

RIGHT WORSP[LL]
AGENT &C[A]: COUNCELL IN BANTAM.

No: 45. of the Agents departure for Metchlep[a]: & from thence for Bengale.

Our Agent set saile hence the prm[o]: [August] on the Golden ffleece in Company of the George [*a word lost*] for Metchlepatam where his worsp: arrived the [. . . [th]:] Ditto and 5 Dayes after Departed for Bengall.

News here is none at present but in a few Days wee Doubt not but to Receive Some by the English shipps which wee suppose arrived in Bombay the Last Month.

Wee recommend you and our Hono[ble]: Companys affaires under your Direction to the protection of God Allmighty and Remayne

Your affectionate friends
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.

FORT S[T]: GEORGE 9[TH]: OCTOBER 1679.

To Y[E]: RIGHT WORSP[LL]: Y[E]:
AGENT & COUNCELL IN BANTAM.

R[t]: Worsp[ll]: &c[a]:

No: 46.

a Vessell of Luis Quintall ffiatho recommended.

The foregoeing Lines are copie of our Last, these are onely to accompany a small Vessell of this place belonging to Luis Quentall ffiatho & Ant[o]: ffiguredo Borg [*a few letters lost*] who have Desired us to recommend unto your favour [the] said Vessell wee committ you to Gods protection & remain[e]

R[t]: Worsp[ll]: etc[a]:

Yo[r]: very affectionate [. .]
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
[TIM[o]: WILKES.]

FORT S[T]: GEORGE 21[TH]: OCTOBER 1679.

M[R]: CHRISTOPHER HATTON
ETC[A]: COUNCELL.

Sirs,

No: 47. [Accot of] Cash &c[a]. rec[d]: [of] Mony charged pd [to] the steward and not mentioned in his Accot.

Yours of the 3[d]: Currant wee Rec[d]: the 16[th]: Instant with your Acco[t]: Cash and the stewards Acco[t]: for Month of September, your Acco[t]: Cash mentions three severall Summes viz[t]: Pago[ds]: 75: p[a]: 345: 13: 2:$\frac{3}{4}$ and p[a]: 154: 22:$\frac{1}{2}$ paid to the said Steward, but his Acco[t]: mentions neither of those summes if any mistake bee Committed let it bee Rectifyed.

Wee take notice that by reason of M[r]: Hattons sickness at Egundore the last month you were hindered from Meeting in Councell pray God restore M[r]: Hatton his health.

Your chief business now is to call upon the Merchants to hasten in the cloth, and to get in ys: roapes, Gunnys, and twine that all may bee ready to put on board the Honoble: Companys shipps when they returne from the Bay.

[To] call upon the merchants to hasten the cloth and to get the roapes Guñys.

Wee salute you kindly and Remayne

Your affectionate friends.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.

FORT ST: GEORGE 3D: NOVEMBER [1679.]

MR: JOHN FIELD
CHIEF ETCA: COUNCILL.

Sirs,

No: 48.

Wee have before us yours of the 8th: October received the 24 : Ditto with your Accompt Cash Consultations Diary Notes and stewards Accot: for [the] foregoeing Month.

Consultations Diary &ca: recd:

The Honoble: Companys printed Direct [ions] for their Cheifs, Seconds, Warehousekeepers etca: Signed [by] Robert Blackbourne Secretary goes here inclosed.

the Companys printed Directions for cheifs &ca: Sent.

Wee approve of your Contract with the Merchants to bring in 4000 Ps: ordinary Longcloth more then [*a word lost*] for before and to bee ready against the shipps arrivall from Bengall, perswade your Merchants to provide 20 [oo or] 3000 Ps: ordinary Longcloth more, which will bee an acceptable peece of Service to the Honoble: Company.

the contract for 4000 Ps: Longcloth well aproved of and augmenting the same Recommended.

The 30th: past wee had advice from Pollicat that 17: Dayes before, Metchlepatam by a violent Harricane was [drown'd] wee say a great part of the said Towne, wee are without any advice to this houre from Mr: Hatton &ca: how the Honoble: Companys ffactory there hath fared.

about a storme at Metchlepatam.

Three Dayes since wee Received Letters from our Agent dated the 6th: September in Ballasore, and that hee intended two Dayes after to take his passage thence in the Honoble: Companys sloopes to Hugly.

Letters Received from the Agent.

Wee have not else at present soe conclude & remayne

Your affectionate friends
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.

FORT ST: GEORGE YE: 26TH: NOVEMBR 1679.

TO OUR BRAMINY VIRA RAGAVAYA
IN GOLCONDAH.

No: 49.

I received yours Dated the 4th: October with the other two of the 30th: Ditto and take Notice of their qts: you have Done very well in preventing granting: Lyngapa's Malicious Desire to obtayne our townes rent to bee paid unto him tho wee are Resolved never to yeild thereto.

Rect: of Letters. The preventing Lyngapa's receiveing the Townes rent well approved of.

[To] Prevaile wth: Accana [to] pay back and [raise] out of the Divans Booke the pas: 54 [tooke] for Custome & then to present him with pagods: 108.

Wee Doe allso order you to watch an oppertunity to prevaile with Braminy Accana to get raised out of the Divans Bookes the pago[ds]: 54: hee tooke ℘ force from our two Englishmen as Custome for their Goods and to receive back the said Summe and them to present him the pago[ds]: 108: which wee formerly sent you for that purpose, and when you have Done soe, then wee shall consider what you write of your promise, to Pishpawty Yencataya, and wee would have you know that the abovesaid business is of noe small concerne and consequence for the future considering if by your negligence you Delay makeing an end thereof, a long time it will ever remaine then as a President in the Divans Bookes, and you are not ignorant of the Custome, amongst the Moors wherefore neglect not what you have to Doe therein that you may not incur our Displeasure.

What Done in Verona's request to Madana and Accana about St: Thoma aproved of.

to send advice of occurrances.

Wee have been glad to here of what you have Done in Cassa Verona's request to Braminy Maddana and Accana Concerning S[t]: Thoma and hope that Lyngapa upon his arrivall to these Pts: will not offer to Violate their express orders, for if hee should Cassa Veronah will Immediately advise you thereof, and it much concernes us that the said place should bee under said Verona for the quietness sake of this towne, which otherwise wee shall bee [eventually] troubled and Vexed with the Divan's [Avalders etc[a]:] people, that place [being] neer to this. In severall of my Letters you have [been] advised to give full advice of all Occurrances [towards] your Parts especially of the Moghull, Vizap[o] [and] Savage which haveing not Done faile not to Doe your next.

JOSEPH HYNMERS.

FORT S[T]: GEORGE Y[E]: 27 NOVEM[BR]: 16[79.]

M[R]: CHRISTOPHER HATTON
CHEIF &C[A]: COUNCELL.

No: 50.

Receipt of Letters.

aboute the great storme at Metchlep[a]:

putting the Callicoes to bee rewashed aproved of.

Wee have before us yours of the 20[th]: October and 3[d]: Current which came to our hands the 5[th]: & [18[th]:] Current by the first wee take notice of the furious [storme] that was at Metchlepatam the 13[th]: October which [has] Layd a great part of that towne Wast sweeping away all the houses and people in them bordering next [*a word lost*] sea but especially wee take Notice of the violence of the Winds untiling all the Hono[ble]: Companys Ware house[s] by which their broadcloth is Damaged and all the cloth brought in by the Merchants ready for sorting is [*a word lost*] with the rayne and Dirt, tis well you have Dilivered the said Callicoes to the Washers, and Doubt not but [they] will bee rewashed againe in time, see that it bee in readiness to Lade against the ships returne from the Bay.

of the Dispatch of the Packett to ye: Bay.

Wee take Notice that you had Dispatched the Packett for the Bay the 15[th]: October.

Consultations &ca: received.

By yours of the 3[d]: Currant wee Received your Cons[ult]ations Diary, Notes, Stewards Acco[t]: and Acco[t]: Cash for the Month of October.

Mr: Hatton] &ca: need not scruple to Invest the 150 Dollars consigned to Mr: Ayloff from Sr: Saml[l] Barnardiston

Wee observe what you write concerning S[r]: Samuell Barnardistons Letter found in M[r]: Ayloff [e] Screetore and the 150 Dollors of the said S[r]: Samuell Barnardistons [mentioned] in the said [letter] by the abstract [which] you have sent us [it is clear S[r]:] Samuell Desired M[r]: Ayloffe to Invest the proceed of Ditto 150 Dollors in Diamonds or any other unprohibited Commodity and returne the same by this yeares shipps seeing that M[r]: Ayloffe is Deceased you need not scruple to Invest S[ir] Samuell Barnardistons 150 Dollars and considering hee is a Member of the Hono[ble]: Comp[a]: wee will not Doubt but you will Vouchsafe him y[t]: kindness, were the Mony here wee should not scruple in the Least to Doe it.

Wee aprove of your Dayly Importuning the Merchants to use all possible care in the speedy bringing in the Callicoes at the Washers the keeping of your peons there Day and Night will much contribute thereunto especially your Cheif Braminy and Dubash overlookeing them. [The] pressing the Merchants to hasten [in] the cloth & keeping [of] peons at the Washers [well] aproved of.

Which being the needfull at present wee remayne

Yo[r] affectionate friends
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.

FORT S[T]: GEORGE THE 27[TH]: NOVEM[BR]: 1679.

M[R]: JOHN FIELD
CHEIF ETC[A]: COUNCELL.

S[rs] No: 51.

Our Last to you was of the 3[d]: Currant since w[ch]: wee Received yours of the 10[th]: Currant with your Consultations Diary Acco[t]: Cash and Stewards Acco[t]: for the Month of October. Letters sent & received Consultations Diary &c[a]: received.

Wee take notice what Callicoes you had Received & packed to the 10[th]: Currant and Doe earnestly Recommend [*a few words lost*] the Dayly Importuning your Merchants [to bring] in the Remain[der] soe the whole Investment may bee Ready to [*a word lost*] when it shall please God to arrive the shipp [from] the Bay. The hastening the Merchants recommended.

As to the forme of a Warehouse Booke wee shall give you the best advice wee know of [*a word lost*] you are in a Booke to take Notice Dayly of all [goods] received into the ffactory and to Note the [names of] the Persons that brought them in and Likewise [to] note what goods you issue out Dayly and to who [me] to this Booke you are to make a Leidger in it keep [e] a Distinct Acco[t]: of every sort of goods thereby will appeare what came in Dayly and what Went out and the said Booke is to bee begunn with the [Remaynes] which you Received of M[r]: Hatton and Councell. Directions for the keeping a Warehouse Booke.

Wee have not else at present so Remayne

Your affectionate friends
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.

FORT S[T]: GEORGE DECEM[BR]: Y[E]: 14[TH]: [1679]

M[R]: JOHN FIELD
ETC[A]: COUNCELL.

Sirs No: 52.

Yours of the 20[th]: November wee Received the 4[th]: Currant and take Notice that you cannot perswade the Merchants there to augment the quantity [of] Ordinary Longcloth wee have prevailed with our [Merchants] to bring in 13000 P[s]: more then Contracted for [in] July.

Wee hope ere this [our] Agent is returned from [Bengal] to Metchlepatam [*a word lost*] that you are in a [*a few words lost*] to Lade Callicoes on the shipps his Worsp[ll]: Comes on and on y[e]: other two that follow. Soe Remayne

S[rs].

Yo[r]: affectionate friends
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMO: WILKES.

FORT S[T]: GEORGE 18: DECEM[BR]: 1679.

M[R]: CHRISTOPHER HATTON
ETC[A]: COUNCELL.

Sirs

No: 53. Yours of the prim°: Currant kept there till the 4[th]: wee received the 13[th]: with your Consultations Acco[t]: Cash and Stewards Acco[t]: for the month of November.

Wee take Notice what quantityes of Callicoes were embaled in your ffactory and Doe not Doubt but [ere] this our Agent hath been with you, and is now Voyageing thence for this place, God arrive him here in safety.

Yours of the 20[th]: October and 3[d]: November Did not misscarry but were answered the 27[th]: November.

Wee have to this Day embaled here B[a]: 1902 Callicoes and Doe not Doubt in the Least but the rest of our Investment which is incirca B[a]: 635: will bee ready to Lade on this yeares shipping.

Wee Respectfully Remayne
Sirs
Yo[r]: affectionate friends
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.

CASSUMBUZAR NOVEM: [1679].

TO THE PRESIDENT & COUNCELL AT SURRAT.

No: 54. Hono[ble]: &c[a]:

Letters with the Companys Packetts received in Hugly

Yours of the 26[th]: and 27[th]: August with the Hono[ble]: Companys Packetts by your ships was dilivered us in Hugly by these your expresses the first of this [month.] It is not wee assure you out of forgettfullness that wee doe not sooner Dispatch our Pattamars from the ffort to carry the advices of the ships arrivall, but the necessity of sending our overland advices to the Hono[ble]: Company by the same Persons not but that wee know if they were sent Later they would arrive time enough to goe by the first ship to Persia wee haveing noe more then [the] two Peons that wee can depend upon, to goe secure [with] our Letters but in Regard you are soe Passionately [Solicitous] for a quicker dispatch upon the first arrivall of our shipps wee shall endeavour to make another Pair [of] Pattamars by Divideing the old ones and joyning other Peons with them.

Ships Bengall Merchant and London arrived at Bombay & hopes of the Ann's arrivall.

Wee take notice of the arrivall of the Beng [all] Merchant and London at Bombay and hope [that] Anne is allsoe since safe arrived with you.

Mr: Charnock hath some Monthes since advised that the Vackeell at Court was out of hopes of effecting [any] alterations of the Customes at Surratt or Broach in the new Phyrmaund, hee is takeing out, from which [we] conclude there was a misunderstanding in his first [advice] thereabouts but hee is promised a Phyrmaund for trade Custome free in the Bay, tho wee Doubt twill [be] a long time before tis obtayned by Reason the [*a word lost*] is engaged in Hugly and Mr: Charnock in [*a word lost*] advises that hee [hath not] heard from the Vackeel since July Last, when 30000 Rupees was Remitted ℘ exchange to Purchase the Phyrmaund. Concerning Custome at Broaoh. and Bengall.

William Gilbert was the last year brought to his tryall by virtue of the powers granted in the Charter, and the Jury bringing in a Virdict not guilty hee was quitted, soe the Commission from his Majesty for his tryall and excution [*sic*] if found guilty is come too Late. William Gilbert brought to his tryall. accquitted.

Wee returne you our kinde thanks for the newes you are pleased to impart of the ffrench and other affaires; and wee are sorry for the Death of our friend Mr: Charles James. News.

Sultan Auzum the Prince that lately Govern'd these Provinces is recalled to Court and marched away in great hast, and Shastaw Cawne the old Nabob is order'd downe againe haveing obtayned the Government wth: the promise of his whole Estate when hee Dyes, and the present payment of three Croer of Rupees to the King these alterations are very chargeable to the Company but wee hope to have more favour from Shasteh Cawne then from the Princes Governmt: Sultan Auzum reoalled to court and Shastackaun re [possess] ye: Goverumt.

One of the Pattamars falling Sick, they Did not arrive with us within ye: 50: Dayes to merritt the gratuity promised them, but wee have paid them the ten Rupees you appoynted upon Accot: of their hire, and they promise to make hast in their Returne. [Patt] amars arrived [with] in 50: dayes.

The inclosed Packett to the Honoble: Company wee intreat you to inclose in your Packett, to them by one of the ships bound home, if it arrives in time, if not [wee] desire you to send it overland; And that it may not miss of Conveyhance home [by the ?] ships wee send a Duplicate thereof and of this Letter [by] the good hope which will sayle from Hugly [*a word lost*] dayes, Least the Pattamars should bee belated and [that ?] should hapily arrive in time. [P]ackett to the Honoble [Co]mpany recom[mend ed] to care. A Duplicate thereof by the good Hope.

Wee encountered with a Storme comeing over the [fflats ?] into the Ganges in the Companys sloopes which [*one word lost*] us in some Danger, but praised bee God wee [escaped] free of Damage, since our arrivall wee have been much Imployed in setting the Companys business [to ?] rights, which wee found in great Disorder especially as to the Accots: for 9 yeares Past, and therein wee have been soe successfull as to recover many and soe large summes of mony that were in a manner [*a word lost*] wee arrived at this place the 7th: Instant and if wee [should ?] here any goode news of the Petre being Dispeeded from [Pattana] which is neare 1000 tonns stopt there, wee should [bee] returning suddainely, but by reason thereof [they] will bee late in the Bay this yeare, and wee [fear] must at the Last bee forced to buy Petre at Hugly. God grant all may succeed for the best and to yourselves health and Prosperity are the unfeighn [ed] desires of in Danger by a storme. escaped without harme. Bengall Accots: rectifyed for these 9 yeares Past. Petre not arriveing. Occasions a Late dispatch of the shipps.

Sirs

Yor: very affectionate friends
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